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The Martinist Rosary



The Seven-Fold Rosary is a unique devotion to the Blessed Mother

It consists of 7 decades of Hail Mary's

Each decade begins with the Lord's Prayer followed by 10 Hail Mary's and ends in the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.

The Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father (+), of the
Logos(+) and of the Divine Spirit (+).
Amen

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus
Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.
On the third day He arose again;
He ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of God, the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen

The Our Father:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name:

Thy kingdom come:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread:

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us.

Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is The Kingdom,

The Power

And The Glory

Forever and ever on to all ages.

Amen.

The Hail Mary:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of
our death.

Amen

Glory Be to the Father:

Glory be to the Father (+), and to the

Logos (+) and to the Divine Spirit (+).

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Fatima Prayer:

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us
from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to
Heaven, especially those in most need of
Your Mercy".

(Our Lady at Fatima, 13th July 1917)

Fatima prayer #2

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

(The Angel to three children of Fatima, spring 1916)

The Hail, Holy Queen:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children
of Eve; To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley, of
tears.

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine
eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus;

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**Pray for us that we may be worthy of the
promises of Christ**

There are 3 Themes with 7 mysteries each.

A recommended practice is to recite the first 3 mysteries in the morning; followed by the 4th mystery at lunch time, and the remaining 3 mysteries in the evening at compline time.

The Themes of The Seven-Fold Rosary

The **Seraphic Mysteries** are recited on Mondays, Thursdays, and on Sundays in Advent and Christmastide.

The **Sacrificial Mysteries** are recited on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays in Lent.

The **Gnostic Mysteries** are recited on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during Easter and Sundays after Pentecost.

How To Say The Seven-Fold Rosary

Visualise twin streams of White and Blue Light descending on you as you make the sign of the cross.

Visualise the light falling through your Chakras, from:

The Crown Chakra

The 3rd Eye Chakra

The Throat Chakra

The Heart Chakra

The Solar Plexus Chakra

The Reproduction Chakra

The Feet Chakra

Let the Energies mingle, form, and
concentrate in your heart .

Call on your Divine Spark.

Concentrated the Energy in a Ball of **Blue**
Energy that slowly expands to surround
you.

Project this ball of mental energy around
you as you recite the Seven-Fold Rosary.

Feel the Peace surround you.

The Seraphic Mysteries

The Seraphic Mysteries call out to us on the Joy and Glory of the Logos incarnation on Earth. His mission, His Glory, and Mary the Sophia.

One day, we too will share in this Glory.

It is the gradual unveiling of the Christ Logos. In the **first** mystery the Incarnation of Christ Logos was revealed to Mary the Lightbearer. Only one person, the personification of Sophia/Wisdom was given the Good News.

In the **second** mystery, the Good News is given to the Herald, John the Baptist. The Joy is now multiplied! One plus one becomes Two plus two. (Mary and Jesus, Elizabeth and John).

The Joy becomes the reality of the Incarnation at the **third** mystery. Here the unveiling is done to the shepherds. It must be remembered that the shepherds were the poorest of the poor. Hence the beauty of the unveiling. The first people to get a glimpse of the Christ Logos were the people least likely to see someone Divine. However, God's logic is not the same as

men's logic. Thus the lowest of the low and poorest of the poor had the first priority. This serves as a reminder to us how often we have serve the great but ignored the lowly.

In the **fourth** mystery the Incarnation is unveiled to the peoples of the world. This is who the Magi represent. You and me. Led to the Christ Logos by Divine providence of the star (or something that stirs in our hearts).

In the **fifth** mystery the Christ Logos is unveiled to the religious authorities. He is a teacher and He is teaching the religious professionals. Sometimes we go through life with blinkers on. We think we know it all. We are the professionals but the reality is we are not. And this mystery challenges us to see who we really are. Notice the Christ Logos unveiled Himself last to the people whom we would expect to be the first to know. Food for thought.

In the **sixth** mystery we now come to the Glory part. This is a preview of what we can become.

We see the Christ Logos divine glory in two parts the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Resurrection is the

conquering of death. The Ascension is the Glory to come.

In the **seventh** mystery, we see a glimpse of the Glory reserved for us faithful ones. The Assumption of Mary as Wisdom back into the presence of God, is a foretaste of our destiny to someday return to God. From God we came to Him we return. The Crowning of Mary is the just reward.

First Mystery
The Annunciation
Reading
LK 1:26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favoured one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,

has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Second Mystery
The Visitation
Reading
Proto-evangelium of James 10, 12

Then the priests held a council and said, “We should make a curtain for the Lord’s temple.” And the priest said, “Call to me the undefiled virgins from the tribe of David.” The servants went out looking for them and found seven virgins.

The priest then remembered that the child Mary was from the tribe of David, and that she was undefiled before God. The servants went out and led her back and brought her into the Lord’s temple.

And the priest said, “Cast lots before me to see who will spin the gold, the asbestos, the fine linen, the silk, the sapphire blue, the scarlet, and the true purple.” Mary drew the lot for the true purple and the scarlet, and taking them she returned home.

At that time Zacharias became silent. Samuel took his place, until Zacharias spoke again. But Mary took the scarlet and began to spin it. She made the purple and the scarlet, and brought them to the temple. The priest took them and blessed her, "Mary, the Lord God has made your name great; you will be blessed among all the generations of earth."

Full of joy, Mary went off to her relative Elizabeth. She knocked on the door; and when Elizabeth heard, she cast aside the scarlet and ran to the door.

When she opened it she blessed Mary and said, "How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For see, the child in me leapt up and blessed you."

But Mary forgot the mysteries that the archangel Gabriel had spoken to her, and gazed at the sky and said, "Who am I, Lord, that all the women of earth will bless me?"

She stayed with Elizabeth for three months. Day by day her own belly grew. Mary then returned home in fear, and hid herself from the sons of Israel. She was sixteen when these mysteries happened.

Third Mystery
The Nativity of Christ
Reading
LK 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So, all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a saviour has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will

find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom
his favour rests.”

Fourth Mystery
The Adoration of the Magi
Reading
MT 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They said to him,

“In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:
‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers

of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.”

After their audience with the king, they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Fifth Mystery
The Teaching in The Temple
Reading

Gospel of Infancy 19: 1-5

When he was twelve years old his parents made their customary trip to Jerusalem, in a caravan, for the Passover feast. After the Passover they returned home. While they were returning, the child Jesus went back up to Jerusalem. But his parents thought he was in the caravan.

After their first day of travel, they began looking for him among their relatives and were upset not to find him. They returned again to the city to look for him. And after the third day they found him sitting in the Temple in the midst of the teachers, both listening and asking them questions. Everyone was attending closely, amazed that though a child, he questioned the elders and teachers of the people sharply, explaining the chief points of the Law and the parables of the prophets.

When his mother Mary came up to him she said, “Why have you done this to us, child? See, we have been distressed, looking for you.” Jesus replied to them, “Why are you looking for me? Don’t you know that I must be with those who are my Father’s?”

The scribes and Pharisees said, “Are you the mother of this child?” She replied, “I am.” They said to her, “You are most fortunate among women, because God has blessed the fruit of your womb. For we have never seen or heard

of such glory, such virtue and wisdom. Jesus got up from there and followed his mother, and he was obedient to his parents. But his mother kept to herself all these things that had happened. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and grace.

To him be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Sixth Mystery
The Resurrection and Ascension of
The LORD
Reading 1
JN 20:1-18

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned home.

But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb

and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.”

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

She thought it was the gardener and said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”
She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni,” which means Teacher.

Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and what he told her.

Reading 2
Acts 1:6-12

When they had gathered together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olive, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.

Reading 3 **JN 16:19-28**

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing with one

another what I said, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?

Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labour, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish.

But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question me about anything.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

"I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but I will tell you clearly about the Father. On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now

I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

Seventh Mystery
The Assumption and the Crowning of
Our Lady
Reading 1
Thunder (Perfect Mind)

I was sent out from the power
and have come to you who study me
and am found by you who seek me.
Look at me, you who study me,
and you who hear, hear me.

You waiting for me, take me into yourselves.
Don't banish me from your vision.
Don't let hatred enter your voice against me
or let anger enter your hearing.
In no place, in no time, be unknowing of me.
Be alert. Don't be ignorant of me.

I am the first and the last.
I am the honoured and scorned.
I am the whore and holy.
I am the wife and the virgin.
I am the mother and daughter.
I am the members of my mother
and the barren one with many sons.
I have had a grand wedding
and have not found a husband.
I am a midwife and do not give birth.
I am the solace of my labour pains.

I am bride and groom,
and my husband produced me.
I am the mother of my father
and sister of my husband,
and he is my offspring.

I am a slave of him who prepared me
and ruler of my offspring.
He produced me earlier yet on my birthday.
He is my offspring to come,
and from him is my power.
I am the staff of his power in his youth
and he the rod of my old age,
and whatever he wants happens to me.



Reading 2

Rev 12:1-18

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she laboured to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth.

She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God, that there she might be taken care of for twelve hundred and sixty days.

Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

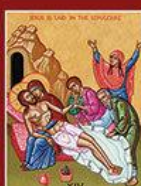
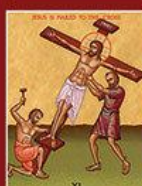
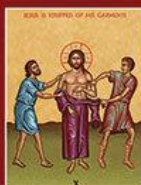
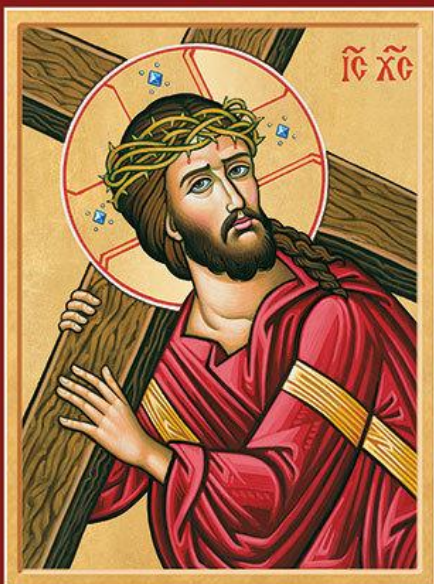
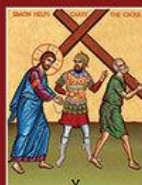
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
“Now have salvation and power come,
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed.
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who
accuses them before our God day and night.
They conquered him by the blood of the
Lamb and by the word of their testimony;
love for life did not deter them from death.
Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,
and you who dwell in them.
But woe to you, earth and sea,
for the Devil has come down to you in great
fury,
for he knows he has but a short time.”

When the dragon saw that it had been thrown
down to the earth, it pursued the woman who
had given birth to the male child. But the
woman was given the two wings of the great
eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the
desert, where, far from the serpent, she was
taken care of for a year, two years, and a half-
year.

The serpent, however, spewed a torrent of
water out of his mouth after the woman to
sweep her away with the current. But the
earth helped the woman and opened its mouth
and swallowed the flood that the dragon
spewed out of its mouth.

Then the dragon became angry with the
woman and went off to wage war against the

rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus. It took its position on the sand of the sea.



The Sacrificial Mysteries

The Sacrificial Mysteries focus on final 3 days of the Logos. These mysteries focus on the Sacrifice of the Christ Logos in His human form.

The **first** mystery focuses on the act of betrayal. The first sin in a series of three sins. We often profess our loyalty to God, we profess loyalty to our families, our friends, our colleagues and to our cherished ideals, beliefs. But how loyal are we really? At the hint of a reward, are we ready to betray our cherished positions. Thus the Christ Logos faced betrayal. He who offered everything in creation was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver! (A month's wage).

The **second** mystery focuses on the denial of the Christ Logos. The second sin in the series of three sins. Having betrayed the Christ Logos, we top it up by denying Him. We often deny others by not seeing them as human, by avoiding them. We deny their humanity. We deny their existence. The same way the Christ Logos was denied by His followers.

The **third** mystery focuses the condemnation of the Christ Logos. The final sin. After a denial, we compound it by condemning Him. We condemn God. We often blame Him for our own mistakes, our own ambitions gone wrong, our own illusions. We also condemn our families. We also condemn our neighbours. The only one we do not condemn is our own self. Sometimes we deserve to be condemned. However, we project our own failures, our own weaknesses on others and then condemn them. Thus the Christ Logos was condemned by the Roman authority, the Jewish priestly establishment and the common people.

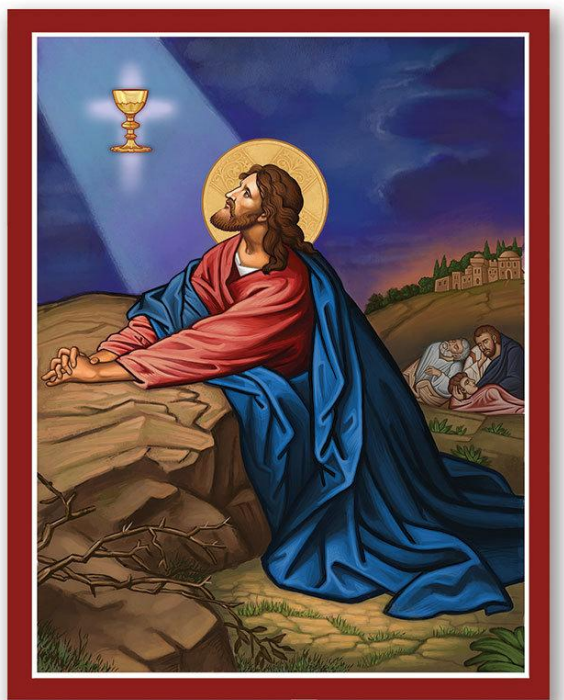
In the **fourth** mystery we reflect on the **way of sorrows**. Each Hail Mary represents a stop on the journey to Gethsemane. We too must pass through our sorrows on the way back to the Divine. We too must suffer but we too will return to God.

In the **fifth** mystery, we see the ultimate sacrilege. The crucifixion of the Christ Logos. The killing of God. He gave Himself up for us so we may learn that death is not the end. Death is only a phase. The physical world is only one facet of our

existence. We come here for only awhile but we are eternal.

In the **sixth** mystery, we see the blood and water that flows from the side of the Christ Logos. It is reflected in the water and the wine. It is the gift of forgiveness and grace. By the blood and water flowing from the Christ Logos are we washed clean. **May the blood and water flowing from the side of the Lamb wash away my sin and cleanse my iniquity.**

In the **seventh** mystery, we see the body of the Christ Logos placed in a tomb. But a tomb can only hold physical remains. It cannot hold ideas. It cannot hold the Spirit. Ideas are free to expand. The spirit is free to move. The tomb cannot break the spirit. We are spirit. We are the Divine Spark. We are free. And so it is, the Christ Logos soon left the tomb. We too should leave the tombs we create for ourselves.



First Mystery
The Betrayal of Christ
Reading
JN 18:1-11

When he had said this, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, “**Whom are you looking for?**” They answered him, “Jesus the Nazorean.”

He said to them, “**I AM.**” Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, “I AM,” they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, “**Whom are you looking for?**” They said, “Jesus the Nazorean.”

Jesus answered, “**I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.**” This was to fulfil what he had said, “I have not lost any of those you gave me.”

Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his

right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"

Second Mystery
The Denial of Christ
Reading
JN 18:12-27

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counselled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in.

Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said."

When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?"

Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."

One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Third Mystery
The Condemnation of Christ
Reading
JN 18:28-19:16

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring [against] this man?"

They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law."

The Jews answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone," in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die.

So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, **"Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"**

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants [would] be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly.

Once more Pilate went out and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, “Behold, the man!”

When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.”

The Jews answered, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”

Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?”

Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, “Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?”

Jesus answered [him], “You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason, the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”

Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon.

And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!"

They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Fourth Mystery **The Way of Sorrows**

Each Hail Mary represents a station on the way of Sorrows

- 1. Jesus Accepts His Cross**
- 2. Jesus Falls The First Time**

- 3. Jesus Meets HIS Mother**
- 4. Simon of Cyrene Carries The Cross of Christ**
- 5. Jesus Receives The Veil of Veronica**
- 6. Jesus Falls The Second Time**
- 7. Jesus Speaks To The Daughters of Jerusalem**
- 8. Jesus Falls The Third Time**
- 9. Jesus Is Stripped Of HIS Garments**
- 10. Jesus Is Nailed To The Cross**

Fifth Mystery
The Crucifixion of Christ
Reading
JN 19:17-30

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “[Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.](#)”

Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that he said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’ ”

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled [that says]:

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots."

This is what the soldiers did.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "**Woman, behold, your son.**" Then he said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother.**" And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "**I thirst.**" There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "**It is finished.**" And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Sixth Mystery
The Piercing of Christ
Reading
JN 19:31-37

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe. For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: “Not a bone of it will be broken.” And again another passage says: “They will look upon him whom they have pierced.”

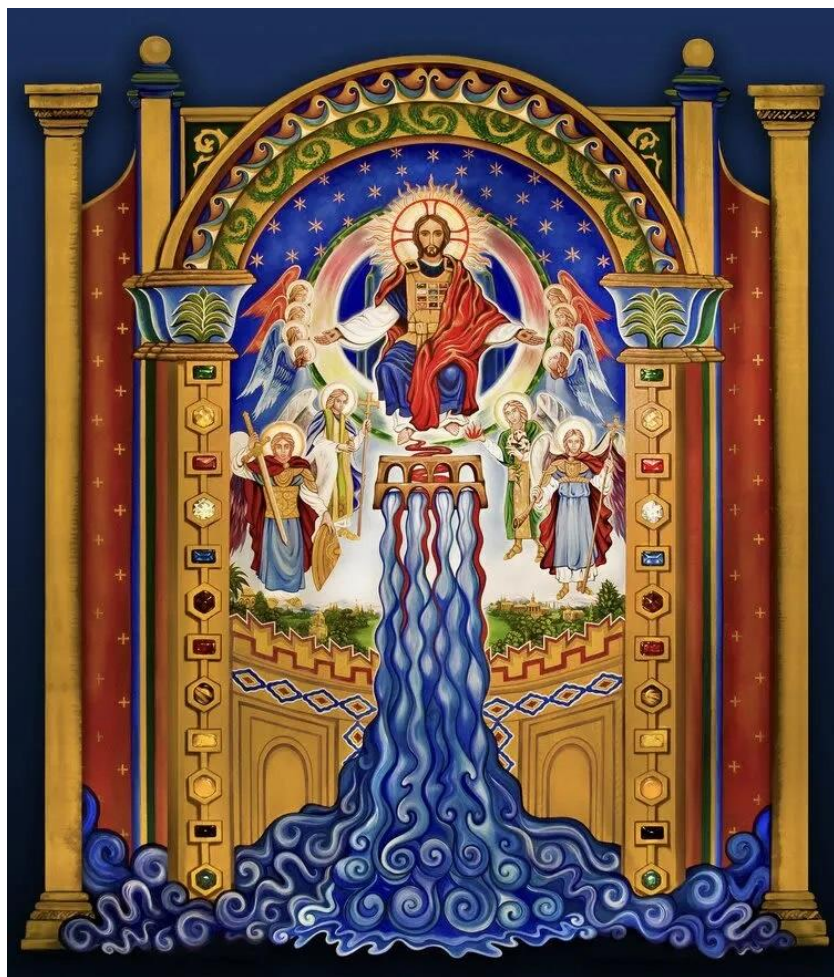
Seventh Mystery
The Three Days in The Tomb
Reading
JN 19:38-42

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked

Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus.
And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body.

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom.

Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.



The Gnostic Mysteries

The Gnostic Mysteries are about the gradual revelation of the true nature of the Christ Logos.

The **first** mystery reveals the **prophetic** nature of the Christ Logos. It is the reverse order of the Israelite journey from Egypt. The Baptism represents the end of the Israelite journey to the promised land. At the edge of the promised land the Israelites waited to cross over. Here the “old” generation died out and only Joshua and Caleb remained. Here the great leader of the Israelites, Moses died. Now the Israelites were on their own. They had to cross the river Jordan. It was their baptism. And so the Christ Logos also named Jesus (Joshua) was baptised in the Jordan and let the way into the promised land.

The **second** mystery reveals the **kingly** nature of the Christ Logos. In the reverse order of the Israelite journey from Egypt, the Transfiguration represents the giving of the law at Mount Sinai. Here the Majestic Glory of the Christ Logos is shown to 3 apostles. Only 3 - the inner circle of apostles. Why the exclusivity?

Because the world was not ready for the news just yet. Soon enough it would be shouted about from rooftops.

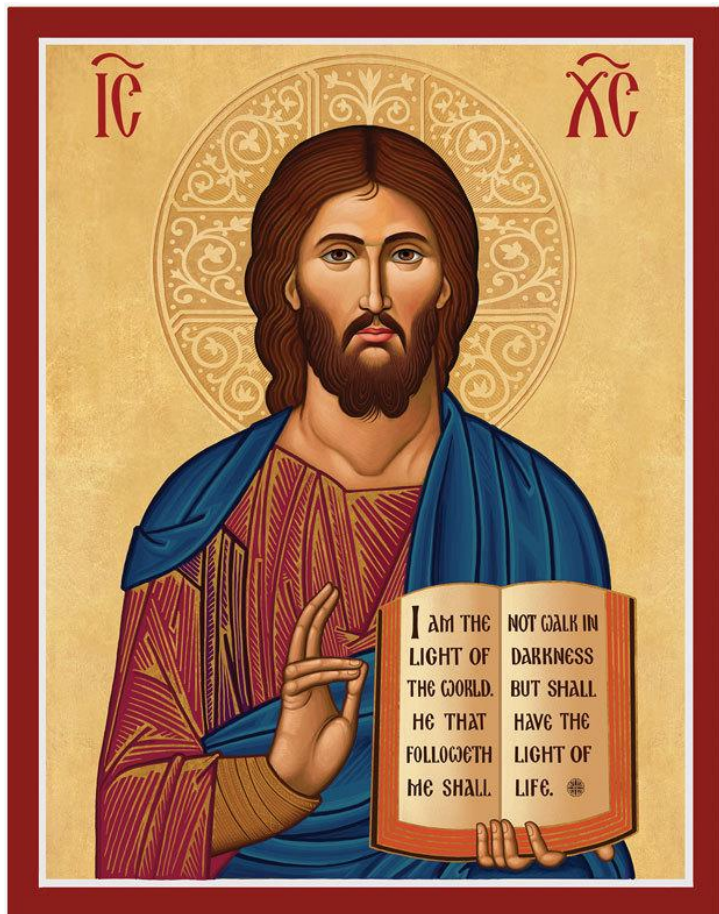
The **third** mystery reveals the **priestly** nature of the Christ Logos. In the reverse order of the Israelite journey from Egypt, the Eucharist represents the Passover and the Flight from Egypt. Here the Christ Logos is offering Himself as the Passover sacrifice for all time. One sacrifice united across time and space. Wherever the Eucharist is celebrated, it is the one same sacrifice.

The **fourth** mystery reveals the tearing of the barriers and gates to God. On that Good Friday, the spiritual veil from man and God was torn. Henceforth man is connected to God directly without the need of human intermediaries (like the Jewish high priest). At the same moment the body of the Christ Logos was torn and given to all. And finally the physical veil of the Temple was torn. Henceforth God lives among His people and no longer in the confines of the temple.

The **fifth** mystery reveals the coming of the Divine Spirit. Here comes to power of God. The gift of Himself to mankind.

The [sixth](#) mystery is reveals the gathering of the faithful. Awaiting the Christ Logos and ready to go with the Christ Logos into battle. We should also aspire to be numbered among the faithful. Indeed a Martinist has no greater honour than to be numbered among the faithful.

The [seventh](#) mystery is a beautiful revelation the God wants to be united with us. We all came from the Divine. We all have a little spark in us from the Divine. And the Divine will unite with us. We shall all go back to God. No matter how far we wonder from Him.



First Mystery
The Baptism of Christ
Reading
JN 1:19-39

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, “Who are you?” he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Messiah.”

So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?”

And he said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.”

So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?”

He said:

“I am ‘the voice of one crying out in the desert,
“Make straight the way of the Lord,” ’ as
Isaiah the prophet said.”

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?”

John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.”

John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.”

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

Second Mystery
The Transfiguration of Christ
Reading
LK 9:28-36

About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. 3And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "**This is my chosen Son; listen to him.**" After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Third Mystery
The Eucharist
Reading
LK 22:14-20

When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, **“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfilment in the kingdom of God.”**

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, **“Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”**

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, **“This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.”** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.”**

Fourth Mystery
The Tearing of The Veil
Reading
MT 27:45-56

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah."

Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Fifth Mystery
The Coming of The Paraclete
Reading
Acts 2:1-13

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travellers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,

yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues
of the mighty acts of God.”

They were all astounded and bewildered, and
said to one another, “What does this mean?”
But others said, scoffing, “They have had too
much new wine.

Sixth Mystery
The Lamb and the 144,000
Reading
Rev 14:1-5, Rev 19:11-21

Then I looked and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of rushing water or a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. They were singing a new hymn before the throne, before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been ransomed from the earth.

These are they who were not defiled with women; they are virgins and these are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been ransomed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb. On their lips no deceit has been found; they are unblemished.

Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was called "[Faithful and True](#)." He judges and wages war in righteousness. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on his head were many diadems. He had a name inscribed that no one knows except

himself. He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood, and his name was called the Word of God.

The armies of heaven followed him, mounted on white horses and wearing clean white linen. Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty. He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

Then I saw an angel standing on the sun. He cried out [in] a loud voice to all the birds flying high overhead, "Come here. Gather for God's great feast, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military officers, and the flesh of warriors, the flesh of horses and of their riders, and the flesh of all, free and slave, small and great."

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered to fight against the one riding the horse and against his army. The beast was caught and with it the false prophet who had performed in its sight the signs by which he led astray those who had accepted the mark of the beast and those who had worshiped its image. The two were thrown alive into the fiery pool burning with sulphur. The rest were killed by the sword that came out of the mouth of the one

riding the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Seventh Mystery
The Wedding of the Lamb and Bride
Reading
Rev 21:9-22:7

One of the seven angels who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." He took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendour of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, [the names] of the twelve tribes of the Israelites.

There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The one who spoke to me held a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city was square, its length the same as [also] its width. He measured the city with the rod and found it fifteen hundred miles in length and width and height. He also measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits according to the standard unit of measurement the angel used.

The wall was constructed of jasper, while the city was pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the city wall were decorated with every precious stone; the first course of stones was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh hyacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made from a single pearl; and the street of the city was of pure gold, transparent as glass.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and to it the kings of the earth will bring their treasure. During the day its gates will never be shut, and there will be no night there. The treasure and wealth of the nations will be brought there, but nothing unclean will enter it, nor any [one] who does abominable things or tells lies. Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of its street. On either side of the river grew the tree of life that produces fruit

twelve times a year, once each month; the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits, sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon.”

“Behold, I am coming soon.”

