Opening Prayer for a Church Choir

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou hast made us worthy to minister before Thy holy altar and to lead Thy People in hymns of praise for the service of Thy glory.

Fill us, O Lord, with Thy grace; that putting aside all earthly care, we may lift our hearts and voices to Thee and say:

"Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

And vouchsafe also, O Master, that we be found worthy to receive Thy Holy Body and Precious Blood for the remission of our sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

Through the prayers of St. Romanos the Hymnographer, and of all Thy Saints, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.