Hav- ing ac- com- plished sal- va- tion for all man- kind,
Thou, O Christ, didst make Thy way up- on Mount Ol- i- vet,
whence Thou wast tak- en up in the sight of Thy dis- ci- ples,
borne up in glo- ry to Heav- en from the earth.
Where- fore, sore as- ton- ished as they saw the mys- ter- y,
the lower or- ders then cried a- loud to those a- bove them:
Lift ye the gates, and our God, the King of all,
shall en- ter in whence He be- fore went out,
e- ven as it was well- pleas- ing in His sight,
while most wondrously working full salvation for the world entire.

2) As the whole choir of disciples saw Thee taken up on high, O Master, they said: Where dost Thou depart now from Thy servants? Where goest Thou, O Thou that holdest the farthest parts of creation in Thy hands?

We have gladly left all things to follow after Thee, our God, while hoping to be with Thee unto the ages; do not forsake us as orphans comfortless,
O our good Father most compassionate:

even as Thou hast promised, send unto us

Thy good Comforter Spirit

and the sovereign Savior of our souls.

3) As Thou wast giving Thy friends a final blessing,

Thou didst then initiate them into mysteries:

Behold, I go to My Father now, O my beloved friends;

but I shall send you another Comforter.

And, O Master, Thou didst say: I never shall forsake
the sheep I gathered; those whom I love I shall forget not.

But once endowed with divine pow'r from on high,

then go ye forth, and preach to all the world,

go your ways to all nations and every tribe,

and proclaim the good tidings

of salvation that is come to all.