Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

When you were cru-ci-fied, O Christ, the tyr-ra-ny of the e-ne-my was de-stroyed, his pow-er tram-pled un-der-foot; for it was neith-er an an-ge-l nor a mor-tal but you, the Lord him-self, who saves us.

Glo-ry to you!


What shall we call you, O Full of Grace? A hea-ven, for your have borne the Sun of Jus-tice? A pa-ra-dise, for you have brought forth the Flower of im-mor-ta-li-ty?
A virgin, for you have remained unde-filed? A mother, holding in her holy arms the Son who is God of all. Intercede with him for the salvation of our souls.

Stichera of the first Royal Hour - Tone 8 samohlasen

1

To-day the veil of the Temple is torn in two as a re-proof to the lawless;

and the sun hides its own rays as it sees the Master crucified.

And this sticheron is repeated.

Cantor

They divide my clothing among them; they cast lots for my robe.

2

Like a sheep you have been led to the slaughter, O Christ our King, and like an innocent lamb you were nailed to the cross by wicked men for our sins,

O Lover of us all.
The arise, the kings of the earth; princes plot against the Lord and his anointed.

And the sticheron, “Like a sheep you have been led to the slaughter” is repeated.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and for ever. Amen.

Doxastikon of the first Royal Hour - in the same tone

Patiently awaiting the transgressors of the Law to lay hold of you, O Lord,

you cried out: Although you smite the Shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep,

my disciples, yet I could call to my aid more than twelve legions of angels; but in my patience I suffer that the mysteries I revealed through my prophets may be fulfilled. O Lord, glory to you!
His heart has gathered iniquity. into himself.

Verse. Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak.

Before the Gospel:

Glory to your passion, O Lord, glory to your passion.

After the Gospel:

Glory to your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to your long-suffering.

Kontakion of the Royal Hours - Tone 8

Come, let us all praise him who was crucified for us; for Mary looked upon him on the wood and said: Although you suffer crucifixion, you are still my Son and my God.
Glory to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

O Lord, the Jews con-demned you, the life of all, to death; those who by a staff crossed the Red Sea on foot nailed you to a cross; and those who sucked honey from a rock oftered you gall. But you en-dured will-ing-ly that you might free us from the sla-ver-y of the foe. O Christ God, glo-ry to you!


O The-o-to-kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of life; there-fore, we im-plore you, O La-dy, to in-ter-cede together with the apostles
and all the saints that we may obtain mer - cy for our souls.

Stichera of the third Royal Hour - Tone 8 samohlasen

Because he feared the Jews, Pe - ter, your friend and com - pan - ion, de - nied

you, O Lord, but la - men - ted: Do not turn a - way from my tears; for I said that

I would be faith - ful, but was not, O Com - pas - sion - ate One. There - fore accept

re - pen - tence from us and have mer - cy on us.

And this sticheron is repeated.

Cantor

For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vin - e - gar to drink.

At your ven - er - a - ble cross, O Lord, when the sol - diers mocked you, hosts of

an - gels were awed. You a - dor - ned the earth with flow - ers, but now you wear
the crown of slander. You clothed the firmament with clouds, but now you wear the robe of mockery. Through this mystery your compassion is made known, O Christ. Great is your mercy. Glory to you!

They divide my clothing among them; they cast lots for my robe.

And the sticheron, “At your venerable cross, O Lord” is repeated.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Doxastikon of the third Royal Hour - Tone 5 samohlasen

When you were led to the cross, O Lord, you said: For what act do you wish to kill me?

Is it because I raised your dead as from sleep, healed the woman with a
hemorrhage, and show mercy to the woman from Canaan? For what act do you wish to kill me? But you shall behold him whom you have pierced, O law-transgressors, and come to know that he is the Christ.

Prokeimenon of the third Royal Hour - Tone 4

For I am ready for scourging and my pain is always before me, and my pain is always before me.

Verse. O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; do not punish me, Lord, in your rage.

Gospel responses and kontakion, as at the first Royal Hour.
Royal Hours of Great and Holy Friday - The Sixth Hour

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Troparia of the sixth Royal Hour - Tone 2

You have ac - complished salvation in the middle of the earth, O Christ God,

and stretch - ing out your pure hands upon the cross, you gath - ered all na - tions

who cry out to you: Glo - ry to you, O Lord.


Theotokion of the Sixth Hour - in the same tone

Since we have no one in whom to con - fide be - cause of our many sins, O Vir - gin

The - o - to - kos, in - ter - cede for us with the one who was born of you;

for a mo - ther's prayer is a powerful means for obtaining the Mas - ter's fa - vor.
You are most worthy of veneration, so do not turn away from the pleading of us sinners; for the one who willed to suffer for our sakes is full of mercy, and his power is sufficient to save us.

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Stichera of the sixth Royal Hour - Tone 8 samohlasen

Thus says the Lord: My people, what have I done to you? Or how have I wearied you? To your blind I gave light, your lepers I cleansed, a man lying on a bed, I set upright. My people, what have I done to you, and how have you repaid me? Instead of mana, gall; instead of water, winery; instead of loving me, you have nailed me to a cross. I can endure no more. I will summon all the nations, and they will glorify me,
with the Father and the Spirit; and to them, I will give eternal life.

And this sticheron is repeated.

Cantor

For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Law-givers of Israel, Jews and Pharisees, the choir of the Apostles cries out to you: See a Temple which you have destroyed; see a Lamb who you have crucified and handed over to a tomb, but by his own power he is risen. Do not be deceived, O people of Judaea, for it is he who saved you in the sea and fed you in the desert. He himself is the light and the light and the peace of the world.
Save me, O God, for the waters have risen to my neck.

And the sticheron, “Lawgivers of Israel, Jews and Pharisees” is repeated.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Come, all people who have put on Christ. Let us see what betrayal Judas planned when he conspired with lawless priests against our Savior. Today, they have condemned the deathless one to death. They have delivered him to Pilate to be nailed to the cross at the place of the skull; and our suffering Savior cried out saying: Father, for give them this sin, and let the nations know my resurrection from the dead.
How great is your name, O Lord our Lord, through all the earth.

Verse. Your majesty is praised above the heavens.

Before the Gospel:

Glo-ry to your pas-sion, O Lord, glo-ry to your pas-sion.

After the Gospel:

Glo-ry to your long-suf-fering, O Lord, glo-ry to your long-suf-fer-ing.

Kontakion of the Royal Hours - Tone 8

Come, let us all praise him who was cru-ci-fied for us; for Ma-ry looked upon him on the wood and said: Al-though you suf-fer cru-ci-fix-ion, you are still my Son and my God.
Royal Hours of Great and Holy Friday - The Ninth Hour

Cantor

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparia of the ninth Royal Hour - Tone 8

Seeing the Source of Life hanging on the cross, the thief said: If he who is crucified with us were not God incarnate, the sun would not have hidden its rays, nor would the shaken earth be trembling.

But you who bear all things, remember me, Lord, in your kingdom.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Theotokion of the Ninth Hour - in the same tone

For the sake of all you were born of the Virgin, and you endured
the cross, O good one. You conquered death by death, and through your resurrection you revealed yourself as God. Do not disdain those whom you have created with your own hands, O merciful one, but show forth your loving kindness. Accept the intercession which the Theotokos makes in our behalf. O our Savior, save your despairing people.

Stichera of the ninth Royal Hour - Tone 7 samohlasen

And this sticheron is repeated.
They divide my clothing among them; they cast lots for my robe.

When the lawless ones nailed you, the Lord of glory to the cross, you cried out to them: How have I caused you sorrow? How have I angered you? And who except me saved you from distress? And now with what do you repay me? Instead of goodness, you do evil. For the pillar of fire, you nailed me to the cross. For the clouds you dig a grave for me. Instead of manna, you give me gall. Instead of water you give vinegar to drink.

Now I will call the nations, and they shall glorify me with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vine-gar to drink.

And the sticheron, “When the lawless ones nailed you, the Lord of Glory” is repeated.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and ever. Amen.

Doxastikon of the ninth Royal Hour - Tone 6 samohlasen

Today he who hung the earth upon the waters is hung upon a Tree.

The King of the Angels is crowned with thorns. He who wraps the heaven in clouds is wrapped in mocking purple.

He who freed Adam in the Jordan receives a slap on the face. The Bridegroom of the Church is trans-fixed with nails. The Son of the Virgin is pierced with a lance. We bow
We bow to your passion, O Christ.

Prokeimenon of the ninth Royal Hour - Tone 6

The fool has said in his heart: There is no God above;

there is no God above.

Verse. Their deeds are corrupt, depraved; not a good man is left.

Gospel responses and kontakion, as at the sixth Royal Hour.