

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AT THE NEW YEAR

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. (*And the following in Tone Six*):

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth; who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3)

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

O most-holy Trinity: have mercy on us. O Lord: cleanse us from our sins. O Master: pardon our transgressions. O Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Come, let us worship God, our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

PSALM 65

Reader: Praise is due to thee, O God, in Zion; and to thee shall vows be performed, O thou who hearest prayer! To thee shall all flesh come on account of sins. When our transgressions prevail over us, thou dost forgive them. Blessed is he whom thou dost choose and bring near, to dwell in thy courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, thy holy temple!

By dread deeds thou dost answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest seas; who by thy strength hast established the mountains, being girded with might; who dost still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples; so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are afraid at thy signs; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it; the river of God is full of water; thou providest their grain, for so thou hast prepared it. Thou waterest its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

Thou crownest the year with thy bounty; the tracks of thy chariot drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God. (3)

THE GREAT LITANY

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For His Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____, and for His (Eminence, Grace) our (Archbishop, Bishop) _____, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For seasonable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will graciously accept on His heavenly altar this present prayer of thanksgiving from us, His unworthy servants, and in His compassion have mercy on us, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That our prayers may be pleasing in His sight, and that He will forgive the sins we have committed during the past year, whether by word, deed, and thought, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will bless this new year with His grace and love for mankind, and grant us peaceful times, healthful seasons, and sinless lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will turn His wrath away from us, which has been justly kindled against us because of our sins, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will free us from our slavery to worldly passions, and destroy our love of evil habits, implanting in our hearts His holy fear, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will renew a right spirit within us, and strengthen us in the true faith, filling us with zeal for good works and obedience of His commandments, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will overthrow all divisions and factions within His Church, and everywhere plant right belief and piety, converting all who have departed from the truth and restoring them to His Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That he will deliver His Holy Church (and his servant(s) _____), and every one of us from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, and from all enemies both visible and invisible, blessing His people with health, long life, and peace, surrounding us with His heavenly host, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

GOD IS THE LORD

Priest: *(In the fourth Tone):* God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

TONÉ 4

God is the Lord and has revealed Him-self to us! Bless-ed is

He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Priest: All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I destroyed them.

Choir: *(repeats)* God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Priest: I shall not die, but live; and recount the works of the Lord.

Choir: *(repeats)* God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Priest: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Choir: (repeats) God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

TONE 4

TROPARION

We, Your un-wor-thy ser-vants, O Lord, grats-ful for the

bless-ings You have giv-en to us, al-ways praise, bless,

and thankfully glorify Your lov-ing-kind ness, cry-ing

to You with love and humble sub-mis-sive-ness: O Sav-iour

and Be-nefac-tor, glo - ry to You!

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

Tone 4

Free-ly You grant us rich blessings, O Mas - ter, though we

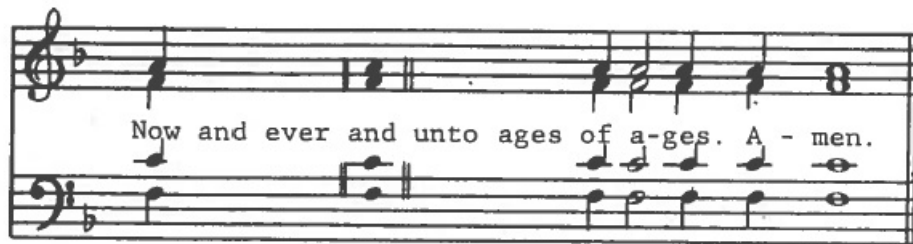
are unprofita-ble ser - vants, in all our needs we run to You

You shower us with man - y gifts! Now we thank You with all

our heart. We glorify You, our Creator and De-fend - er!

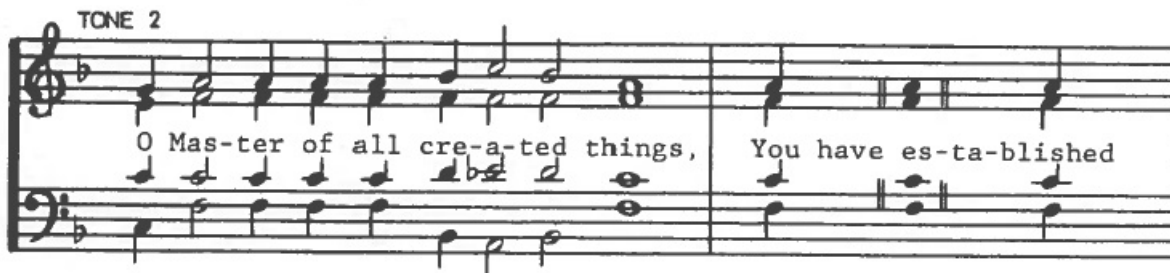
We cry to You from the depths of our souls: Glo-ry to You,

O God most boun - ti - full!

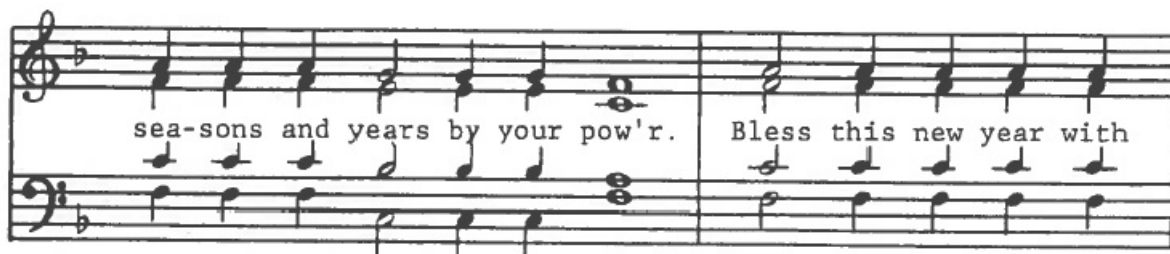


Now and ever and unto ages of a-ges. A - men.

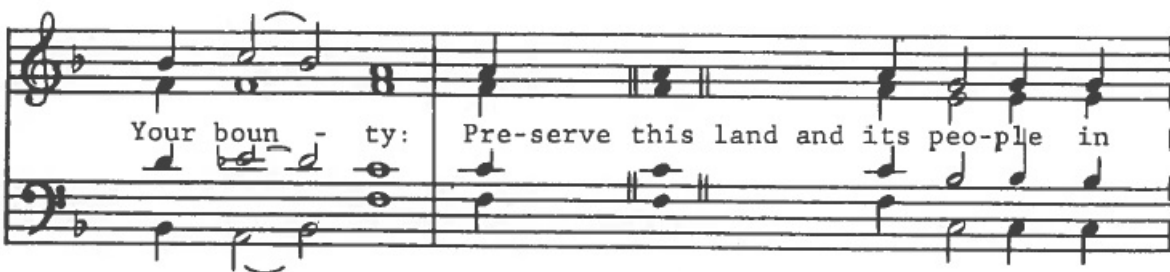
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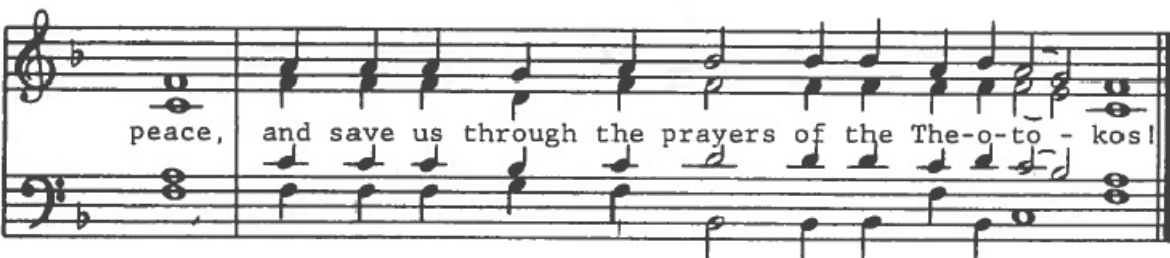
O Mas-ter of all cre-a-ted things, You have es-ta-blished



sea-sons and years by your pow'r. Bless this new year with



Your boun-ty: Pre-serve this land and its peo-ple in



peace, and save us through the prayers of the The-o-to - kos!

THE EPISTLE READING

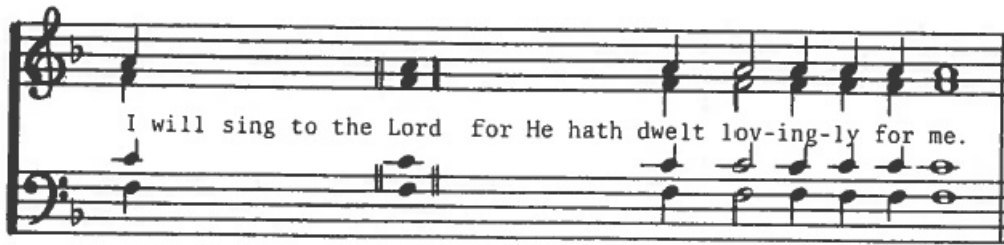
Priest: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: I will sing to the Lord, for He has dealt lovingly with me.

Choir: *(repeats) I will sing to the Lord, for He has dealt lovingly with me.*



Reader: I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

Choir: *(repeats)* I will sing to the Lord, for He has dealt lovingly with me.

Reader: I will sing to the Lord.



Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the first Epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to Timothy.

Priest: Let us attend!

(1 Timothy 2: 1-7)

Reader: **MY SON TIMOTHY:** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Priest: Peace be unto you reader.

Reader: And to your spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

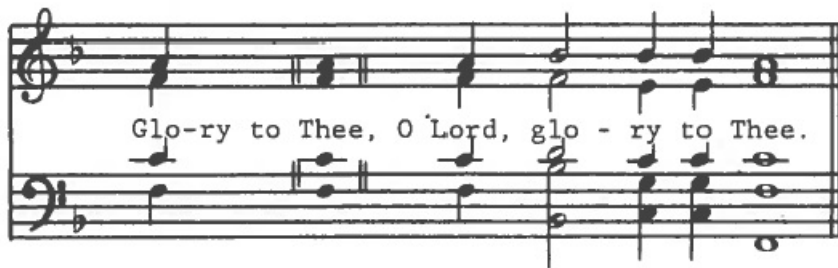


THE GOSPEL READING

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.



Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.



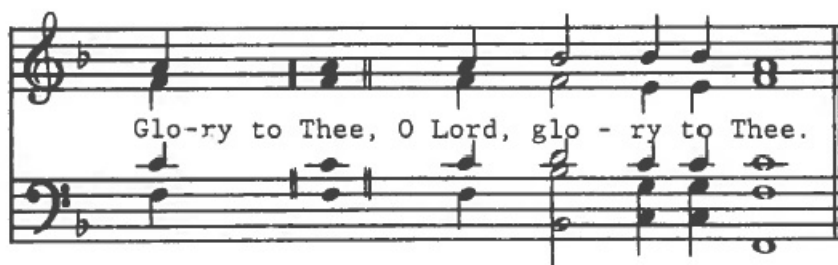
Priest: Let us attend!

(Luke 4: 16-22)

Priest: AT THAT TIME, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah.

He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.



THE AUGMENTED LITANY

- Priest:** Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy (once).
- Priest:** O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy (once).
- Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (3)
- Priest:** Again we pray for our Metropolitan _____, for our Bishop _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (3)
- Priest:** We, Thine unprofitable servants, give thanks to Thee with fear and trembling, O Lord, our Saviour and Master, for Thou hast poured Thy blessings upon us abundantly. We fall down in worship before Thy loving mercy and praise Thee as our God, fervently crying to Thee: Deliver Thy servants from all calamities, and in Thy mercy, grant all our requests which are unto salvation; we beg Thee, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (3)
- Priest:** That Thou wilt bless the crown of the coming year with Thy bounty, and quench the flames of discord, enmity, and strife; that Thou wilt give us peace, perseverance, sincere love, and a virtuous disposition; we beg Thee, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (3)
- Priest:** That Thou wilt not call to mind the innumerable sins we have committed during the past year, and wilt not deal with us as our evil lives deserve, but that Thou wilt remember us in Thy mercy and bounty; we beg Thee, Lord of mercy and tender compassion, hear us and have mercy.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (3)
- Priest:** That Thou wilt give rain in due season, both the early and the latter rains, gentle showers, temperate and healthful breezes, and wilt illumine us with the warmth of the sun; we beg Thee, O all-bountiful Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (3)
- Priest:** That Thou wilt remember Thy Holy Church, and strengthen and establish it, enlarge it and give it peace, preserving it forever unscathed by the gates of hell and impregnable against all the assaults of visible and invisible enemies; we beg Thee, O all-powerful Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: That Thou wilt root out and destroy every blasphemous design of the unbelieving world, and hasten the day when the meek will inherit the earth; we beg Thee, O all-powerful Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: That Thou wilt deliver us throughout the coming year, and all the days of our life, from famine, earthquake, flood, epidemic, hail, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, and from civil war, from sudden and unprovided death, from sickness, calamity, and distress, from faithlessness and hard-heartedness, and from grievous temptations; we beg Thee, O tenderly-compassionate Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: Hear us, O God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far off upon the sea, and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners.

For Thou art a merciful God, and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Again and again on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.



(Immediately the priest reads the following prayer aloud):

Priest: O master, Lord our God, the Fountain of life and immortality, the Creator of all things both visible and invisible, who governs the seasons and the years and guides all things with Thy wise providence; we thank Thee for all the blessings Thou hast poured out upon us during the past years of our lives, and we beg Thee, O all-bountiful Lord, bless this coming year with Thy goodness, direct our civil authorities in the path of goodness, bestow Thy heavenly blessings upon all Thy people: health, salvation and growth in virtue. Deliver Thy Holy Church, this (city, village, countryside) from every assault of the devil, and grant us peace and tranquility; and grant that we may always offer thanksgiving unto Thee, the Father who is from everlasting, together with Thine only-begotten Son, and Thy most holy, good, and lifegiving Spirit: God glorified in three Persons, and may joyfully praise Thine all Holy Name.

(The priest then exclaims in a loud voice):

Priest: **Glory to Thee, O God our Saviour, unto ages of ages.**

Choir: Amen.



HYMN OF ST. AMBROSE

-tone 3

We praise Thee, O God, we ac-know-ledge Thee to be the Lord. All the

earth worships Thee, the Father e-ver-last - ing. To Thee all an-gels cry

a-loud: the heavens and all the pow-ers there-in. To Thee the Cherubim

and Seraphim continually cry a-loud: Ho-ly, Holy, Ho-ly, Lord God of

Hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glo- - ry. The

glorious choir of the A-pos-tles praise Thee. The noble fellowship of the

pro-phets praise Thee. The white robed army of martyrs praise Thee

The Ho-ly Church throughout the world con-fess-es Thee, O Father of In-

fi-nite ma-jes-ty, Thine adorable, true, and on- ly Son, and the Ho-ly

Spi-rit, the Com-for-ter. Thou art the King of glo-ry, O Christ, Thou

art the everlasting Son of the Fa-ther. When Thou didst come to de-

li-ver man, Thou didst not abhor the Vir-gin's womb. Thou didst

o-ver-come the sting of death and open to believers the Kingdom of

Hea-ven. Thou sit-test at the right hand of God In the glo-ry of

the Fa-ther. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge. We there-

fore be-seech Thee to help Thy ser-vants whom Thou hast redeemed with

Thy pre-cious Blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in ever-

last-ing glo-ry. O Lord, save Thy peo-ple, and bless Thine in-he-ri-

tance. Govern them and exalt them for-ev-er. Day by day we bless Thee

and praise Thy Name forever and ey-er. En-a-ble us, O Lord, to

pass this day with-out sin. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Let Thy mer-cy, O Lord, be up - on us ev-en as we have place our hop

in Thee. In Thee, O Lord, have I trust - ed let me not be con -

found ed for ev - er.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond

com-pare than the Ser-a-phim: with-out defilement you gave

birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we mag-ni-fy you!

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!

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

now and ever, and unto ages of a-ges. A - men. Lord, have

mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Fa-ther, bless.

Priest: (Gives the dismissal of the day)

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, furtherance in all good things; and all Thy blessings to (Thy servant(s) _____), and protect and preserve them for many years!

Choir: God grant you many years. (3)

No. 1

God grant you* man-y) years. God grant you* man-y) years. God

grant you* man-y, man-y, man-y years.

* (1. him, 2. her, 3. them)

