By the Waters of Babylon
Psalm 136
V. Krupitsky

(Sung at Matins on the 3 Sundays preceding Great Lent)

1
By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered Sion. Alleluia.

2
Upon the willows in the midst thereof did we hang our instruments. Alleluia. For there they that had taken us captive

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captive asked us for words of song. And they that had

led us away asked us for a hymn saying sing us one of the

songs of Zion. Alleluia. How shall we sing the

Lord's song in a strange land? Alleluia.
If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand be forgotten. Alleluia.

Let my tongue cleave to my throat, if I remember thee not if I set not Jerusalem above all other...

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other, as the head of my joy.

Alleluia. Remember, O Lord, the sons of

Edom, in the day of Jerusalem, Who said:

lay waste, lay waste to her even to the foundations thereof.
Al-le-lu-ia. O daughter of Bab-y-lon, thou
wretch-ed one, blessed shall he be who shall re-ward
thee where-with thou hast re-ward-ed us.

Al-le-lu-ia. Bless-ed shall he be who shall seize and

dash ...
If at a Vigil, immediately begin the Evlogitaria "Blessed art Thou, O Lord..."

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