

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 3

Reader: In the Third Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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Hear me, O Lord.

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You.

Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice.

Hear me, O Lord.

Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,
death's dominion has been shattered;

the devil's delusion destroyed.

The race of men, being saved by faith,//

always offers You a song.

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again.//

All creation, praising You, always offers You a song.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.

I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:

the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//

the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,

and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection,//

for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

We praise the Savior incarnate of the Virgin,

for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day,//

granting us great mercy.

v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Christ descended to Hades proclaiming the glad tidings:

"Behold! Now I have triumphed!

I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out,//

for I have shattered the gates of death!”

v. (4) In the Fourth Tone, From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

The barren Anna leaped for joy
when she conceived Mary the Virgin,
who in turn will conceive in the flesh God the Word.
From the fullness of her joy, she cried out:
“Rejoice with me, all ye tribes of Israel,
for I have conceived according to the will of God my Savior.
He has answered my prayer and ended my shame,
in fulfillment of His promise, He will heal the pains of my heart,//
through the pains of child-bearing.”

v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

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v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

He Who made waters gush forth from the rock,
permitted your womb to carry the ever-Virgin Mary
through whom our salvation will come.
By this, you were delivered from shame;
no longer will you dwell on earth as barren,
for you will bear the earth bringing forth the Tree of Life.
According to His will, He has delivered the human race from all shame,
by taking on our human form and becoming Man,//
for He is rich in mercy.

v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Behold, the promises of the Prophets are fulfilled.
The holy mountain is planted in the womb.
The divine ladder is set up, the great throne of the King is ready.
The place for the Lord's passage is prepared.
The dry bush, which the fire could not consume, is blossoming.
The treasury of grace is an abundant flow of blessing

which heals the barrenness of Anna,//
whom we glorify with faith.

In the Second Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Today the great mystery announced from all eternity
whose depths angels and men cannot perceive,
appears in the barren womb of Anna.

Mary, the Maiden of God, is prepared to be the dwelling of the eternal
King,

Who will renew our human nature.

Let us entreat her with a pure heart and say:

“Intercede for us with your Son and our God//
that our souls may be saved!”

In the Third Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

How can we not wonder

at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?

For without receiving the touch of man,

you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.

The Son born of the Father before eternity

was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.

He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,

but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,

of those who confess you in the Orthodox manner //

to be the Theotokos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Aposticha

The sun was darkened by your Passion, O Christ,

but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection!!

Accept our evening song, O Lover of mankind!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,

enlightened the whole universe,

recalling Your creation.

Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://

“Almighty Lord, glory to You!”

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

You are the changeless God,

Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.

Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.

It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
By descending to Hades¹ and rising on the third day,//
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

You endured death, O Christ,
to deliver the race of man from death.
You rose from the dead on the third day,
raising with Yourself those who knew You as God//
and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

Today a royal cloak of purple and fine linen
is woven from the loins of David,
and the mystical flower of Jesse is blossoming://
from it will come forth Christ our God, the Savior of our souls.

St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

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

(Troparion for the Conception – Tone 4)

Today the bonds of barrenness are broken:
God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna.
He has promised them beyond all their hopes to bear the Maiden of
God,
by whom the Uncircumscribed One was born as a mortal Man;
He commanded an Angel to cry to her:
"Rejoice, of full of grace,
the Lord is with you!"

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)
