

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 2

Reader: In the Second 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!

Come, let us worship the Word of God

begotten of the Father before all ages,

and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!

Having endured the Cross,

He was buried as He himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior

nailed to the Cross the bond against us,

He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels

let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//

to judge the world which He made.

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

The Angel proclaimed You

the crucified and buried Master.

He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!

He is risen as He said,

for He is almighty."

We worship You, O only immortal One.//

Have mercy on us O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

By Your Cross, You destroyed the curse of the tree.

By Your burial You destroyed the dominion of death.

By Your rising, You enlightened the race of man.//

O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to You!

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.

The gates of death opened to You from fear, O Lord.

When the guards of Hades saw You they were afraid,

for You demolished the gates of brass and smashed the iron chains.//

You have led us from the darkness and the shadows of death, and have broken our bonds.

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

The mystery hidden from all eternity,

unknown even by the Angels,

is now entrusted to the Archangel Gabriel.

He will come to you, O precious vessel;

he will salute you and cry in joy:

“Rejoice, pure dove! Rejoice, all-holy one!//

Make ready by your word to conceive the Word of God!”

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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he will salute you and cry in joy:

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

The palace of light is ready for You, O Master,

the womb of the undefiled child of God.

Come down to her; come to visit Your fallen world,

which is held in bitter slavery to the jealous Enemy!

Many ages have passed since its beauty was destroyed.

Make haste to descend to earth, O Lord!//

Come to deliver us from the way of death!

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

Gabriel the Archangel comes to you, O all-blameless one;

he will greet you, crying with joy:

“Rejoice, deliverance from condemnation!

Rejoice, chosen vessel made perfect for God!

Rejoice, life-bearing dawn of the endless day!//

The Lord, Whom the heavens cannot contain, is pleased to dwell in you!”

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

Today Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is full of grace:
“Rejoice, unwedded Maiden!
Be not struck with dismay by my strange form, nor be afraid!
I am an Archangel.
Once the serpent beguiled Eve,
but now I announce to you the good tidings of joy, O most pure one.//
You shall remain inviolate and yet shall bear the Lord.”

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
The righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame//
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

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Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Your creation.//
Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O Savior,
By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.
You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,
You restored the beauty of Your creatures.
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with
a spear.

The Hebrews not knowing Your power
asked that Your tomb might be sealed,
but through the mercy of Your compassions,
You accepted the tomb
and rose on the third day!//
O Lord, glory to You!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,
for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,
descending into Hades as the Mighty One
to save those who awaited Your coming,
granting him the life of paradise instead of hell.
Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day//
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!
Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,
who carried in her arms her Creator?
This birth is the will of God!
Since you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,
and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,
do not cease praying for us who honor you, //
that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.*

(Troparion for the Forefeast – Tone 4)

Today is the prelude of joy for the universe.
Let us anticipate the feast and celebrate with exultation:
“Gabriel is on his way to announce the glad tidings to the Virgin;
he is ready to cry out in fear and wonder://
‘Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!’”

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)
