

Priest: "Blessed is our God ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen ... " (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 1)

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

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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!*

The doors being shut and the Disciples assembled,

You appeared to them as almighty, O Jesus, our God.

You stood in their midst, giving them peace;

You granted the Holy Spirit to them,

commanding them to wait in Jerusalem

until they would be clothed with the power from on high.

Therefore we cry to You://

"Our Illumination and Resurrection and Peace, glory to You!"

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

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

Eight days after Your Resurrection, O Lord,

You came to Your Apostles

proclaiming: "Peace be with you all!"

To the doubting Disciple, You showed Your hands and side.

He believed and cried to You://

"My Lord and my God, glory to You!"

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

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

Thomas, called the Twin, was not with the Disciples, O Christ,
when You came to them through closed doors.

Therefore he doubted their word.

You did not reject him for his faithlessness.

When he saw Your side and the wounds in Your hands and feet,
his faith was made certain.

Having touched and seen,

he confessed You to be truly God, not only man, //

crying: “My Lord and my 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.*

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

The Disciples were assembled on the eighth day,
and the Savior appeared to them.

He gave them peace and said to Thomas:

“Come, Apostle! Feel my hands, which were pierced by the nails!”

Most wonderful doubt of Thomas!

It brought the hearts of the faithful to knowledge. //

And with fear he cried: “My Lord and my God, glory to You!”

*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) In the Second Tone, Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

After Your rising, O Lord,
though the doors were shut,
You came to your assembled Disciples.
You granted them peace.
Even Thomas believed, seeing Your hands and side!
He confessed You as Lord and God, //
Who save those who hope in You, O Love of mankind!

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

When the doors were shut,
Jesus stood in the midst of His Disciples.
He calmed their hearts and granted them peace.
Then He spoke to Apostle Thomas:
“Do you not believe that I am risen from the dead?
Bring your hands here, and touch My side!
Be no longer an unbeliever!
Proclaim My passion and My Resurrection to all,
that everyone may join your cry://
‘My Lord and my God, glory to You!’”

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

When the doors were shut, Jesus came to His Disciples.
The Apostle Thomas, by divine dispensation, was not with them,
for he spoke these words:
“Unless I see the Master myself,
unless I see His side flowing with baptismal blood and water,
unless I see those wounds, which have healed all mankind,
unless I see not a spirit, but flesh and bones, I will not believe.”
Glory to You, O Lord,
for You confirmed Thomas in faith, //
and have trampled death by death!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Aposticha – Tone 4

O most glorious wonder!
Doubt bore certain faith!
Thomas said: “Unless I see, I shall not believe!”
By touching His side, he blessed the incarnate Son of God, Who had
suffered in the flesh,
and he proclaimed the resurrected God, //
crying out with joy: “My Lord and my God, glory to You!”

v. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

O most glorious wonder!

Thomas placed his hand on the fiery side of Jesus Christ, God!

He was not scorched by this,

but his doubt changed to certain faith, and he cried ferently:

“You are my Master and my God.//

Glory to You, Who have resurrected from the dead!”

*v: For He strengthens the bars of your gates; He blesses your sons
within you!*

O most glorious wonder!

John the Apostle leaned on the Savior's breast,

and Thomas was made worthy to touch His side.

The one thus understood the depths of theology;

the other was privileged to announce the mystery of the Resurrection to
us,//

crying: “My Lord and my God, glory to You!”

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

How great is the abundance of Your compassion, O Lover of mankind!

Because of Your long-suffering, You were struck by the Jews,

You were examined by an Apostle and touched by those who denied
You.

How are You incarnate?

How are You crucified?

You have not known sin!

Make us understand like Thomas, that we may call out to You://

“My Lord and my God, glory to You!”

St. Simeon's Prayer

Troparion – Tone 7 (from the Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!

Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.

Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,//

by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!