

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 3)

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

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

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 human race, 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) *In the Eighth Tone, Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

Today, as we celebrate the Forefathers' memory,

let us the faithful praise Christ the Redeemer,

Who magnified them in all the nations!

He is the Lord Who does wondrous deeds,

for He is powerful and mighty!

Through them He has shown us the rod of His strength:

she is Mary, the only pure and Virgin Maiden of God.

From her Christ blossomed,//

bringing forth life, eternal salvation and unending bliss for all.

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

Master, You delivered the Holy Youths from the fire,

and Daniel from the mouths of lions;

You blessed Abraham, Isaac, Your servant, and Jacob, his son;

You consented to become like us by being born of their seed,

to be crucified and buried,

in order to save our Forefathers, who fell of old.

Thus You crushed the bonds of death

and raised with Yourself all the dead of ages past,//

who worship You, O Christ, King of the ages.

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.*

Walking amidst the flames as in a gentle shower of rain,
the Godly Youths exulted in the dew of the Spirit.
By this they mystically prefigured the Trinity and Christ's incarnation.
Wise through faith, they quenched the power of fire.
So also the righteous Daniel stopped the mouths of lions.
Through their intercessions we beseech you, O Savior, the Lover of mankind:
“Deliver us from the unquenchable and eternal fire, //
and make us worthy of Your heavenly Kingdom!”

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

Standing in a furnace of flaming fire as though in dew,
the Holy Youths mystically prefigured Your coming from a Virgin,
by which we are illumined but not consumed.
So also the righteous Daniel, glorious among the Prophets,
clearly revealed Your divine second coming when he cried out:
“I saw thrones set up, and the Judge was seated,
and the river of fire flowed before Him.” //
By their intercessions save us from this fire, Christ our Master!

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

With what wreaths shall we crown the venerable Herman,
leader of the Aleuts and apostle of Orthodoxy?
He left his native land and went to an untamed people
to proclaim Christ and the Orthodox faith.
He was neither afraid nor terrified of the Enemy's darkness,
but aided by divine grace, //
he enlightened a nation and led it to Christ, Who has great mercy.

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

With what wreaths shall we crown the venerable Herman,
leader of the Aleuts and apostle of Orthodoxy?
He received the Valaam leavening of the Holy Spirit
and preached the Gospel to the Aleuts in word and deed,
disregarding, along with the flesh, all that is of the flesh.
With tears and prayers, with suffering and with prolonged fasting,
and with a most immortal love for the people, //
he led them to Christ, Who has great mercy.

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

With what wreaths shall we crown the venerable Herman,
leader of the Aleuts and apostle of Orthodoxy?
Along with the struggle in the wilderness and the feat of holiness,
he accomplished the work of an apostle of Orthodoxy.
Laboring greatly, he saved the native peoples from the Evil One's delusion,
receiving the grace of working wonders,
quenching the fires and turning back assaults of the waters. //
Having reached the end, he passed over to Christ, Who has great mercy.

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

You sent forth Your Apostles, O Lord,
to proclaim the Gospel to all creation,
and in the latter times You sent out this man to bring Orthodoxy to the Aleutian Islands.
And having sown the seed with grace,
he harvested abundantly a field of fruitfulness,
which remains, even till now, prospering in the Lord.
Therefore we pray to you, our venerable Father Herman:
“Do not cease through your prayers to care for your people and all of us,//
who lovingly celebrate your all-honorable memory!”

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, 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, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//
to be the Theotokos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Prokemonon of the Day, Three Readings

Aposticha – Tone 3

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 hell 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 human race 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!

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

O Holy Father,
we remember today the great teachers and
ascetics,
because of your deeds and example.
Your wondrous life confounded the
Enemy.
You conversed with the Angels.
Together with them, pray for the salvation
of our souls!

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

Come all who love the feast,
let us praise in psalms the assembly of the
Forefathers:
Adam, our first Father,
Enoch, Noah, Melchizedek,
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob;
and those who came after the Law:
Moses, Aaron, Joshua,
Samuel and David,
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel,
and with them the Twelve Prophets:
Elijah, Elisha, and all the rest,
Zachariah and John the Baptist:
all those who proclaimed Christ,//
the Life and Resurrection of the human
race!

St. Symeon's Prayer

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;

Troparion for St. Herman – Tone 7

Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ,
guiding all people to the Heavenly Kingdom;
teacher and apostle of the True Faith;
intercessor and defender of the oppressed;
adornment of the Orthodox Church in America:
Blessed Father Herman of Alaska//
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

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

Troparion for the Forefathers – Tone 2

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.
These saints exult in glory,
for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:
she who bore You without seed.//
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!