

## "Lord I Call..." (Tone 6)

*Reader:* In the Sixth 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!*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

O Almighty Savior, Who drew life from Your own light, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

“O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!”

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

In hell You trampled on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

“As You rose from the dead, have mercy on us!”

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

Behold the Enlightenment of the faithful!

See, our Atonement desires to enter the streams of the river,

that He may wash away man's filth and corruption//

refashioning us, who had been broken to pieces!

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

O Lord, Your Forerunner cried out in fear,

when he saw You approaching and asking to be baptized:

“O my God! My Creator!//

How can I baptize You, the sinless One?”

*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.*

O faithful, let us assemble in spirit

at the streams of Jordan,  
that we may clearly behold the great wonder!  
We shall see the Creator of all made manifest,//  
as He comes to be baptized.

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

Beholding the words that came forth from your divinely-inspired tongue,  
truly marveling, I bless you, O Prophet of truth,  
for your clear message has illuminated the world,//  
foretelling the coming of the Lord for our salvation.

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

You were an angel on earth,  
as you emulated the Angels with your way of life.  
You were enriched by appropriately bearing the name of \*Angel,  
and harmoniously you joined beauty of soul with beauty of body,//  
O most blessed Malachi.

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

Beholding the darkness of deception,  
you fled for refuge and patiently waited for the Lord,  
O passion-bearing Gordius.  
Through exercise, work, and fasting,  
being conscious of your own potential,//  
you became an eager combatant challenging the adversary.

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

With powerful conviction, O most glorious Gordius,  
you destroyed the multitude of hostile enemies,  
regarding the assembly of the lawless as nothing.  
Standing in their midst as a herald of free will,  
you loudly proclaimed Christ, the Creator and Lord,  
co-eternal with the Father,//  
and equally honored and co-everlasting with the Holy Spirit.

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

O marvelous wonder!  
He who baptizes by the Holy Spirit and by fire  
comes to be baptized by John in the Jordan.  
Neither simply God nor plainly man,  
but, in both His natures, He is one only-begotten Son.  
In His humanity, He asks a servant to baptize Him;  
in His divinity, He takes away the sins of the world//  
granting great mercy to all.

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

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?  
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?  
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,  
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.  
God by nature, He became Man for our sake,  
not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.  
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//  
to have mercy on our souls!

*Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!*

*Choir: O Gladsome Light ...*

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### **Aposticha – Tone 6**

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,  
the Angels in heaven sing!  
Enable us on earth//  
to glorify You in purity of heart!  
*v: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*  
Destroying the gates of hell,  
breaking the chains of death,  
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,  
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.  
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,  
“Woe to us, O Savior!  
How do You deign to descend to death?  
What place can hold Your life bearing body?  
Come to us as You promised!  
Take away our wailing and tears!”  
Then the Angel appeared to them:  
“Stop your lamentations!  
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:  
‘The Lord is risen,//  
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,  
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,  
and rose on the third day as God in glory,//  
granting the world unending life 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.*

Christ our God is coming to be baptized in the river Jordan,  
desiring to cleanse us from our iniquities by His appearance,//  
for He alone is good and loves mankind.

*St. Symeon's Hymn*

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*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You took hell captive,//  
not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

*Troparion for Martyr Gordius – Tone 4*

Your holy martyr Gordius, O Lord,  
through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.  
For, having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through his intercessions save our souls!

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

*Troparion of the Forefeast – Tone 4*

Prepare, O Zebulon;  
and adorn yourself, O Naphtali!  
River Jordan, cease flowing  
and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized!  
Adam, rejoice with our First Mother  
and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise;  
for having seen you naked,  
He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment.//  
Christ has appeared to renew all creation.