

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

Reader: In the First 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!

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.

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

The beholder of ineffable revelations,

the interpreter of the mysteries of God on high:

the son of Zebedee has recorded the Gospel of Christ for us, //

teaching us to confess God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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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the interpreter of the mysteries of God on high:

the son of Zebedee has recorded the Gospel of Christ for us, //

teaching us to confess God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Divinely inspired instrument for the songs of heaven,

whose secrets he wrote down for us,

singing wonderfully the song of songs,

with words from his mouth as music from a lyre, //

he prays for us to be saved.

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

With your tongue resounding as thunder,

you declare the hidden Word of the Wisdom of God.

O beloved of God, you open your mouth to cry:

“In the beginning was the Word!” //

Thus you illumine all mankind with the knowledge of God.

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

Let us give rightful praise to the Son of Thunder,

the source of divine words, the chief theologian,
the first to proclaim the truths of the teachings of the wisdom of God:
John the beloved and virgin.

For, divinely inspired from within, he said:

“In the beginning was the Word!”

He taught that the Word is inseparable from the Father;
equal to Him in nature,

and revealed to us the right worship of the Trinity.

He has also shown us the Creator,

Who, being with the Father and bearing life, showed us the True Light.

Awesome and fearful wonder!

As you were filled with love, you were filled with divine speech,

and with the glory, belief and honor

that confirm our undivided faith, //

through which we attain the eternal good on the Day of Judgment.

In the Sixth Tone, 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 ... Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings (1 John)

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 fervently:

“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 Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

O Apostle of Christ,

Evangelist and divine Teacher,
you were an initiate of ineffable things.

You made teachings plain to the faithful,
as you thundered forth to us:

“In the beginning was the Word!”

Casting aside the words of heretics who said: “He was not!”

You were openly the bosom friend and beloved,
like the prophet Isaiah, and Moses, who saw God.

As you have boldness before Him, //
never cease to pray for our souls!

In the Fifth Tone, 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!”

Troparion for St. John – Tone 2

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!

He who allowed you to recline on His breast,
receives you as you bow before Him.

Implore Him, John the Theologian,
to dispense the persistent threat from the heathens, //
entreating for us peace 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.

Troparion from the Pentecostarion – Tone 7

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!