

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 4)

Reader: In the Fourth 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!

We glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,

by always honoring Your life-creating Cross;

by it You have renewed the corrupted nature of mankind, O almighty One.

By it You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//

for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior,

by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.

By descending to hell, O almighty God,

You broke the bonds of death.

Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://

"Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"

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

You smashed the gates of hell, O Lord,

and by Your death You demolished the kingdom of death.

You delivered the human race from corruption,//

granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

Come, O people,

let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day!

By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell.

By it, we have received life and incorruption.

Save us by Your Resurrection!//

Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

v. (6) In the Same Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You.

When You were raised upon the Cross, O Master,

You raised the entire fallen nature of Adam with Yourself.

Therefore, with Your strength, we raise up Your all-pure Cross.

We entreat You, O Most High, the Lover of mankind, crying out:

"As our merciful God, save those who venerate!//

the honorable, light-bearing and divine exaltation of Your Cross!"

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.

Gazing now upon Your footstool;
the place where Your all-pure feet have stood,
we sing psalms today, O Master, honoring Your all-precious Cross with love!
We elevate it with devotion,
entreating You and crying out:
“You have sanctified all by Your divine Cross, O Most High!//
Reveal us to be partakers of Your ineffable compassion and grace!”

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

We bow down before Your all-holy Cross, O Christ,
as before an invincible trophy,
an impregnable shield and divine scepter,
for by it the world has been saved.
Adam dances on its behalf.
We mortals assemble and give it honor,
offering praise in hymns.//
As we celebrate its elevation, we ask for purification.

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

Cleansing your soul and body of the passions,
you became a dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit.
You adorned yourself with priestly anointing.
You were an excellent intercessor, O Eumenes,
a conversor with the holy Angels,
and an heir of the glory of the Lord.//
Ever intercede for those who praise you!

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

Your all-glorious life, illuminated by the virtues,
radiant with the splendors of miracles,
made you truly glorious to the ends of the earth, O most blessed one;
a steadfast beacon, sharing the abode of the saints,
a hierarch who dwells in the holy city,
as a fellow-citizen with the Angels.//
a praiseworthy wonderworker.

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

Let us assemble, and let us honor aloud the hierarch Eumenes,
the adornment of Crete, the bishop of Gortyn,
the unshakable foundation of the Church,
who is magnificent in miracles,
all-glorious in many powers.//
and who enlightens hearts that are in darkness.
The divine treasure which was hidden in the ground,
the life-giving Cross,

was revealed in the heavens to the pious emperor,
spiritually displaying an edict of victory over his enemies.
Rejoicing in it with faith and love,
he hastened to raise it up where it would be visible,
zealously drawing it forth from the bosom of the earth//
for the deliverance of the world and the salvation of our souls.

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

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord through you, O Virgin.
He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in you:
“At Your right hand stood the Queen,”
Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,
since God was freely born of her without a father.
He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,
so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder
and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly pow’rs//
Christ who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Aposticha – Tone 4

By ascending the Cross, O Lord,
You have annulled our ancestral curse.
By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners,
granting incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection.

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

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,
You shook all of creation.
By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,
granting life and incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.

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

The lawless people, O Christ,
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.
But voluntarily You endured burial,
rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//
granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

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

With tears the women reached Your tomb,
searching for You, but not finding You.
They wept with wailing and lamented:
“Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,
how were You stolen?”

What place can hold Your life-bearing body?”

An Angel replied to them:

“Do not weep but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//
granting us joy as the only compassionate One!”

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

(Elevation of the Cross – Tone 4)

Moses prefigured the power of Your precious Cross, O Christ,
when he put to flight his adversary, Amalek, in the wilderness of Sinai;
for when he stretched out his arms in the form of a cross, the people prevailed.

Now the outcome of these deeds has come to pass for us.

Today the Cross is exalted, and the demons are put to flight.

Today all creation has been set free from corruption,

for through the Cross all the gifts of grace have shone upon us.

Therefore, rejoicing, we all fall before You and cry://

“How marvelous are Your works, O Lord! Glory to You!”

St Symeon's Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord

learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,

they cast away the ancestral curse

and elatedly told the Apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ God is risen,//

granting the world 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 for the Cross – Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people

and bless Your inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians

over their adversaries;

and by virtue of Your Cross,//

preserve Your habitation!

Entreat Him to save our souls!