

"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) In the Second Tone, Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Our Light that enlightens all

comes to be baptized.

The Forerunner sees Him and rejoices in His soul.

His hand trembles as he shows Him to the people:

"Behold, the Redeemer of Israel,

the One Who frees us from corruption."//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

A servant baptized our Redeemer

and the coming of the Spirit bore witness to Him.

The hosts of Angels saw this and shook with fear.

And the voice of the Father was heard from heaven:

"This One on Whom the Forerunner lays his hand,

He is My beloved Son; I am well pleased in Him."//

O Christ our 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 streams of the Jordan received You, their source,
and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove.

He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head.

The Clay cries aloud to the Potter:

“Why do you command me to do what is beyond me;
for I rather should be baptized by You.”//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

The attacks of thoughts did not shake the citadel of your soul, O blessed Father,
for putting forth your firm ascetic discipline as a wall of defense,
you kept yourself completely unharmed and safe from the wicked enemy;
and you took your place in the presence of the Master of all,//
as you received the crown of victory.

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

Neither the length of the road nor the difficulty of the places
could disengage you from the fiery character of your journey to God.
For having come with joy to the places where the feet of our God had walked,
you were not careless, O venerable George,//
lest you not arrive, through ascetic deeds and labors, at the heavenly Zion.

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

Wounded by the desire for Christ's love, O all-praiseworthy Domnica,
you followed after Him, having denied yourself temporal glory,
and the pleasures of the flesh, and every other enjoyment of life;
therefore you came to dwell in the most radiant bridal chamber of Jesus,//
the Lover of man, and the Savior of our souls.

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

From the regions of the west you rose up, O most blessed one,
shining to the East like a dazzling star,
with the rays of your virtuous actions, O venerable mother,
and you enlightened the minds of the faithful
by the splendor of your miracles;
therefore we bless you and honor your memory,//
magnifying Christ Who glorified you in holiness.

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

He who covers the heaven with clouds
is Himself covered today by the streams of Jordan;
He who takes away the sin of the world
is cleansed, that I may be made clean.
The only-begotten Son of the most high Father

receives from above the testimony of the consubstantial Spirit.

Let us cry aloud to Him://

Christ our God, You have made Yourself manifest and saved us! Glory to You!

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.

(For the Feast – Tone 2)

John saw You coming to him in the Jordan, O Christ God,

and he said: “You have no uncleanness, O Lord,

why do you come to Your servant?

In Whose name will I baptize You?

In the name of the Father?

But in Yourself You bear the Father.

In the name of the Son?

But You Yourself are the Son incarnate.

In the name of the Holy Spirit?

But by Your breath You can give the Spirit to the faithful.” //

O God Who shone forth, have mercy on us!

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 of the Feast – Tone 1

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,

the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.

For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,

calling You His Beloved Son;

and the Spirit in the form of a dove

confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, //

and have enlightened the world, glory to You!