

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 2)

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Let my prayer arise
Hear me, O Lord! in Your sight as incense,
Lord, I call upon You, hear me! and let the lifting up of my hands
Receive the voice of my prayer, be an evening sacrifice!
when I call upon You! Hear me, O Lord!
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Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

Come, let us worship the Word of God
begotten of the Father before all ages,
and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!

Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He himself desired.//
And having risen from the dead, He saved me, the erring one.

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

Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us,
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//
to judge the world which He made.

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

The Angel proclaimed You as the crucified and buried Master.

He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!

He is risen as He said, for He is almighty."

We worship You, only immortal One.//

O Christ, the Giver of life, have mercy on us!

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

John is born, ending Zachariah's silence.

The father cannot keep silent, when his son, the voice of the Lord, is born.

When at first he did not believe, his tongue was silenced,

but now John has been born to free his father:

the one who heard the good news,

and from whom was born the voice of the Word, //

the Forerunner of Light, who always intercedes for our souls.

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.

Today the voice of the Word is born,
releasing Zachariah's silence,
revealing the harvest of the Church, loosing the bonds of barrenness.
The candlestick of the Light is drawing near.
The ray of the Sun proclaims His coming//
for the edification of all and the salvation of our souls.

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

The messenger of God's Word comes forth from the womb:
the greatest among those born of women;
the most high of the Prophets.

Wonderful events precede the divine mystery:
a seedless conception; a marvelous birth!//
Glory to You, Who have worked miracles for our salvation!

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.

O most praised Febronia,
in your contest, you endured double suffering:
you mingled the blood of martyrdom with the sweat of your ascetic
struggle.

Therefore the Benefactor has given you a double crown!
You have entered into Him adorned in splendor//
as an all-pure virgin and invincible martyr.

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

The divine beauty of your soul accompanied the beauty of your body.
You stood forth like a lily in the monastic robe,
arrayed in purple from the streams of your blood.
O all-pure bride, the beautiful Bridegroom of heaven,
and the eternal bridal chamber,//
have received you as a virgin and martyr.

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

O most-praised Febronia,
the angel of deliverance has come near to you,
for from childhood you were seen to fear the Lord.
You brought yourself to the Almighty as a pure and cherished offering.
Therefore, you trampled the foolishness of Selenus beneath your feet,//
earnestly hastening to Christ, your Bridegroom.

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

Elizabeth greeted the Virgin Mary:

“Why is it that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?

You bear the King, and I, His soldier;

you, the Lawgiver, and I, the proclaimer;

You bear the Word, and I, the voice//

that preaches the Kingdom of Heaven.”

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

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;

as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,

so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.

Instead of a pillar of flame, the Righteous Sun has risen://

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Aposticha – Tone 2

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

has enlightened the whole universe,

calling back Your creation://

Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

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

O Savior, by the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree.

By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.

You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection://

O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

O Christ, when You were seen nailed to the Cross,

You restored the beauty of Your creatures.

The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear.

The Hebrews not knowing Your power asked that Your tomb might be sealed,

but through the mercy of Your compassion,

You accepted the tomb and rose on the third day!//

O Lord, glory to You!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,

for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,

descending into hell as the Mighty One

to save those who awaited Your coming,

granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.

Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day//
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

Elizabeth conceived the Forerunner of grace;
the Virgin conceived the King of glory.
Both mothers greeted each other with a kiss.
The infant leaped in the womb, praising his Master.
His mother was amazed and cried out:
“Why is this granted me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to
me?//

He will save the forsaken people, since He possesses great mercy.”

St. Symeon's Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

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

Troparion for St. John the Forerunner – Tone 4

Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ,
although we cannot praise you worthily,
we honor you in love at your nativity,
for by it you ended your father's silence and your mother's barrenness,//
proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.