

### "Lord I Call..." – Tone 3

*Reader:* In the Third Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

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!*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,

death's dominion has been shattered;

the devil's delusion destroyed.

The race of men, being saved by faith,//

always offers You a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again.//

All creation, praising You, always offers You a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.

I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:

the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//

the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,

and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection,//

for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

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

Our Redeemer, the Creator of all,

is carried to the Temple by His Virgin Mother.

The Elder received Him, crying out with joy:

"Now Your servant may depart in peace,//

according to Your word, O Good 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.*

Simeon received in his arms from the Virgin

our Savior, begotten before all ages.

He cried: “Behold, the ends of the earth are enlightened by Your glory!  
Now Your servant may depart in peace,//  
for I have seen You, O Good One!”

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

Holding in his arms the Savior,  
Who was born in these latter times for the salvation of us mortals,  
Simeon rejoiced and cried aloud:

“I have seen the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.  
Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,//  
as You have commanded!”

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

All-righteous, perfect, praiseworthy, and divinely-inspired Elder,  
when the only perfect God had come in the body to justify the world,  
You took Him in your hands and were released from the body, crying  
out to Him:

“Now let Your servant depart in peace, O Lover of mankind,//  
for today I have seen You!”

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

Young in spirit but aged in body, O Simeon,  
you received a divine promise  
that you would not see death until you had beheld, as a newborn Child,  
the Maker, the preexisting God of all,  
Who is before the ages, yet humbled Himself by assuming flesh.  
When you saw Him, you leaped for joy and begged release from the  
flesh.//

and, rejoicing, you were translated to the mansions of God.

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

The divinely-inspired Anna and the all-blessed Simeon,  
resplendent in prophecy and blameless before the Law,  
welcomed the Giver of the Law when He appeared as an Infant for our  
sake.

Seeing Him, they worshipped Him.  
Let us joyfully celebrate today their memory,//  
glorifying Jesus, the Lover of mankind!

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

The Ancient of Days, as a Child in the flesh,  
is brought by His Mother, the Virgin, into the Holy Temple,

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fulfilling the promise announced by His own Law.

Receiving Him, Simeon said:

“Now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word,//  
for my eyes have seen Your salvation, O Lord!”

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

How can we not wonder

at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?

For without receiving the touch of man,

you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.

The Son born of the Father before eternity

was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.

He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,

but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,

of those who confess you in the Orthodox manner //

to be the Theotokos.

*Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!*

*Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)*

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### **Aposticha**

The sun was darkened by your Passion, O Christ,

but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection://

Accept our evening song, O Lover of mankind!

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

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,

enlightened the whole universe,

recalling Your creation.

Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://

“Almighty Lord, glory to You!”

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

You are the changeless God,

Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.

Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.

It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.

By descending to Hades! and rising on the third day://

You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

You endured death, O Christ,

to deliver the race of man from death.

You rose from the dead on the third day,

raising with Yourself those who knew You as God//

and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

Today He Who once gave the Law to Moses on Sinai submits Himself to the commandments of the Law, becoming, for our sakes, like us in His compassion. Now the God of purity, as a holy Child, has opened a pure womb, and, as God, He is brought as an offering to Himself, setting us free from the curse of the Law,// and granting light to our souls.

*Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)*

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*(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3)*

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to 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 Feast – Tone 1)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*

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