

### "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) *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

We praise the Savior incarnate of the Virgin,

for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day,//

granting us great mercy.

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.*

Christ descended to Hades proclaiming the glad tidings:

"Behold! Now I have triumphed!

I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out,//

for I have shattered the gates of death!"

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

Shine, O Cross of the Lord!

Illumine the hearts of those who honor you!

With love inspired by God, we embrace you,

for you are the only hope of the world.  
Through you our tears are wiped away,  
the snares of death are sprung,  
and we pass over into everlasting joy.  
Through the Cross reveal Your beauty to us, O Lord!  
Help Your servants who ask for mercy in faith!//  
Bestow upon us the fruits of abstinence!

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

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross:  
bright paradise of the Church, the tree of incorruption!  
You have obtained for us the joy of everlasting glory.  
Through you, the hosts of demons are driven out;  
the choirs of Angels are amazed and rejoice;  
the company of the faithful gathers in celebration.  
O unconquerable weapon, unbroken stronghold,  
triumph of Orthodox Christians and pride of priests.//  
by following you may we witness the Passion and Resurrection of Christ our  
God!

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

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross:  
the invincible weapon of godliness,  
the gate of Paradise, the protection of the faithful!  
The Cross is the might of the Church,  
through which corruption is abolished,  
through which the power of death is crushed.  
The Cross raises us up from earth to heaven.  
The Cross is the enemy of Satan.  
The Cross is the glory of martyrs.  
The Cross is the haven of salvation,//  
and grants the world great mercy.

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

Come, O Adam and Eve, our first father and mother,  
you fell from divine glory  
through the envy of the murderer of man!  
Bitter was the pleasure of the Tree of old;  
but see, the honored Tree of the Cross draws near!  
Run with haste and embrace it in joy,  
crying out with faith:  
“You are our help, O most-precious Cross!  
We eat of your fruit and gain incorruption!//  
We are restored again to Eden, having received great mercy!”

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

Wishing to restore all men to life,

You accepted crucifixion, O Christ our God.  
Burning with boundless love for man,  
You took the quill of the Cross in Your hand;  
dipping it in ink of royal crimson,  
You signed our release with blood-stained fingers.  
Though temptations assault us,  
may we never forsake You again!  
Have mercy on Your despairing people,  
O long-suffering Master!//  
Arise and fight Your enemies  
in Your almighty power!

*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 – Tone 3**

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!

*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.*

The humble David  
defeated his enemies by Your help, O Lord.  
Now come to the aid of Your Orthodox people;  
show us Your power as You did of old,  
and our adversaries will know that You are God!  
And we will be victorious, for we hope in You.  
Through the constant intercessions of Your all-pure Mother,//  
grant us Your great mercy!

*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;*

*(Troparion of 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!

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

*(Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 1)*

When Gabriel announced to you, O Virgin, "Rejoice!"  
with that word the Master of all was incarnate in you, O Holy Ark.  
As the righteous David said,  
Your womb became more spacious than the heavens, bearing your Creator.  
Glory to Him Who took abode in you!  
Glory to Him Who came from you!  
Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of you!

*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*

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