

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

Reader: In the Fourth 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!

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 man
O almighty One.

By it You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//
for You are good and the Lover of man.

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 Hades, 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 Hades, 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 bond of hell.
By it, we have received life and incorruption.
Save us by Your Resurrection!//
O 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.

Dwelling in the desert in unity of mind, O blessed ones,
you caused the unrest of the flesh to wither away
by fasting, prayer, and enlightening contemplation.
You illumined your hearts with the pleasing gifts of the Spirit,//
O Simeon and John, the confirmation of monastics.

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.

With foolish behavior you rendered foolish the malice of the wise, O blessed Father, performing wondrous signs, working miracles, and expelling demons, enlightening those who dwell in the darkness of sin. In the midst of turmoil you preserved clarity of mind// and received dispassion from God, O Simeon.

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

O divinely inspired one, you were shown to be humble in wisdom and merciful, compassionate and full of love for God. Humble and meek, you walked the earth like an angel, living your life as if in heaven. Therefore, because of your purity, O blessed Simeon, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rested in you as in a place of purity.

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

O wondrous Ezekiel, most wise and blessed by God, having cleansed your soul and body, you beheld in the spirit through a purified mind the ineffable, unsearchable glory of the Lord, praised in hymns by innumerable voices,// and borne aloft with lightning flashes by divine seraphim.

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

O Ezekiel, dwelling place of God, you were sorely tried in emulation of Christ. You bore the cruel burden of a debt to aliens. You desired that this be recorded beforehand for the sake of the Cross, the God-revealed deliverance and salvation of the world.// Pray that all who celebrate your memory today may be granted a share in it!

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

O glorious Ezekiel, inspired by God, you received a scroll, sweeter than honey in your mouth from the Almighty and were given knowledge in things divine. Beholding and contemplating God,

you were a herald of holy mysteries,//
offering the resentful assembly compassion from God.

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 Prophet David was a Father of the Lord
Through you, O Virgin.

He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder 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 ... (p. 16)

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 creature.

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.*

(Theotokion – Tone 4)

Look on the entreaties of your servants, O Blameless One!

Stop all the terrible attacks against us,

freeing us from every affliction,

for we have only you as our sure and firm anchor!

do not let us be put to shame, O Lady

for we call on you for our intercession!

Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:

"Rejoice, O Lady, Help of all://

the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!"

St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel

the joyous message of Your Resurrection,

they cast away the ancestral curse

and elatedly told the Apostles:

"Death is overthrown!

Christ our God is risen,//

granting the world great mercy!"

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

(Troparion for the Saints – Tone 4)

O God of our Fathers,

always act with kindness towards us;

take not Your mercy from us,

but guide our lives in peace//

through the prayers of Venerable Simeon and John!

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.

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)
