

### "Lord I Call..." – Tone 3

*Reader:* In the Third 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!*

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

Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord,

as we tell of this present mystery:

the dividing wall has been destroyed; the flaming sword turns back

the Cherubim withdraw from the Tree of Life;

and I partake of the delights of Paradise:

from which I was cast out through disobedience

for the express image of the Father, the imprint of His eternity

takes the form of a servant.

And without undergoing change He comes forth from an unwedded mother;

For what He was, He has remained: true God,

And what He was not, He has taken upon Himself,

Becoming man through love for mankind

Unto Him let us cry aloud

"O God, born of a Virgin, have mercy on us!"

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

When the Lord Jesus was born of the Holy Virgin,

All the world was enlightened

The shepherds watched in the fields.  
The Magi adored and the angels praised in song.  
But Herod was troubled,//  
for God had appeared in the flesh, the Savior of 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.*

Your Kingdom, O Christ our God, is a kingdom of all the ages,  
And your rule is from generation to generation!  
Made flesh of the Holy Spirit, made man of the ever-virgin Mary,  
You have enlightened us by Your coming.  
Light of light, Brightness of the Father,  
You have made the whole creation shine with joy.  
All that has breath praises You, the image of the glory of the Father!  
O God, You are and have ever been!//  
As You have shone forth from a Virgin have mercy on us!

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

What shall we offer You, O Christ,  
Who for our sakes have appeared on earth as a man?  
Every creature made by You offers You thanks:  
the Angels offer You a hymn; the heavens, a star;  
the Magi, gifts; the shepherds, their wonder;  
the earth, its cave; the wilderness, the manger,  
and we offer You a virgin Mother!//  
O Pre-eternal God, have mercy on us!

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

Let us all praise King David, the ancestor of God,  
for from him came the virgin stem;  
from this stem blossomed the Flower – Christ.  
Delivered from corruption Adam and Eve cry out to Him,//  
for He is compassionate.

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

In his old age Joseph the Betrothed clearly saw the prophecies fulfilled.  
He was given a mysterious command,  
but he received enlightenment from the Angels who cried out://  
“Glory to God, for He has granted peace to the world!”

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

Let us all praise the brother of the Lord!  
He is a bishop and also a courageous martyr.  
Therefore, O Jesus,  
God wrapped in swaddling clothes in the cave and manger,//  
through his prayers save those who praise You!

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

Let us celebrate the memory of the God-fearing David and James:  
one [was] the Prophet King,  
and the other – an Apostle and the first bishop.

Since we have been saved from error by their teachings,//  
let us glorify Christ, Who shone forth from the Virgin and took on flesh//  
in order to save our souls!

*In the Third Tone, 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!

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

Your Nativity became the commemoration of priests,  
and the strength and joy of kings,

Rejoicing in it, we say:

“Our Father, in heaven,//

hallowed be Your name, O Lover of mankind!”

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

Today the Invisible Nature is joined to mortal men,  
coming forth from the Virgin.

Today the Infinite Essence is wrapped in swaddling clothes at Bethlehem.

Today God leads the Magi by a star to worship Him,

and with gold and frankincense and myrrh they foretell His three-day burial.//

Therefore we sing: “O Christ our God, made flesh of the Virgin, save 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;*

*(Troparion for the Righteous Ones – Tone 2)*

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,

to David, the ancestor of God;

you saw a Virgin great with child;

you gave glory with the shepherds;

you worshipped with the Magi;

you received the news from the Angel.//

Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

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

*(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 4)*

Your Nativity, O Christ our God,

has shone to the world the light of wisdom.

For by it, those who worshipped the stars,

were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of righteousness,

and to know You,

the Orient from on high.//

O Lord, glory to You!]

*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*

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