

"Lord, I Call..." – Tone 8

Reader: In the Eighth 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!

We offer to You, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for You willed to have mercy on us//

by Your Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!

For You willed to have mercy on us//

by the Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, holy Zion!

Mother of the churches, the abode of God!

For you were the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

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

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.

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

Simeon, tell us, Whom you bear in your arms,

that you rejoice so greatly in the Temple?

To Whom do you shout and cry aloud:

"Now I am set free, for I have seen my Savior?"

This is He Who was born of a Virgin;

this is God the Word, Who came forth from God,

Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and has saved man.//

Let us worship Him!

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.*

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that you rejoice so greatly in the Temple?

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Let us worship Him!

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

Simeon, receive Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness,
granting the Law on Sinai,
now that He has become a Babe subject to the Law!

This is He Who spoke through the Law.

This is He, of Whom the Prophets spoke,
Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and has saved man.//

Let us worship Him!

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

Simeon, receive Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness,
granting the Law on Sinai,
now that He has become a Babe subject to the Law!

This is He Who spoke through the Law.

This is He, of Whom the Prophets spoke,
Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and has saved man.//

Let us worship Him!

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

Come, let us also go to meet Christ with divine songs!

Let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw!

This is He Whom David announced;

this is He Who spoke in the Prophets,

Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and Who speaks through the Law.//

Let us worship Him!

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

Come, let us also go to meet Christ with divine songs!

Let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw!

This is He Whom David announced;

this is He Who spoke in the Prophets,
Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and Who speaks through the Law.//
Let us worship Him!

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

Let the gate of heaven be opened today,
for the unoriginate Word of the Father
has made a beginning in time without forsaking His divinity.

As a Babe forty days old,
of His own will He is brought by the Virgin, His Mother,
as an offering in the Temple of the Law.

The Elder receives Him in his arms,
crying as a servant to his Master:

“Let me depart for my eyes have seen Your salvation!”//
Glory to You, O Lord, for You have come into the world to save
mankind!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: *O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)* *Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings*

Aposticha – Tone 8

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,
the Eternal Life has come for death
to raise those who had fallen;
to enlighten those in darkness.//
O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.
He accepted the human body and soul,
and freed both from sufferings.

His most pure soul descended to Hades, which He spoiled.
His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O
Christ.

By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//
and as God have granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,
by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for
me.

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.

Glory to Your rising on the third day!

By it You have granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//
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.*

He Who is borne on high by the Cherubim

and praised in hymns by the Seraphim

is brought today according to the Law into the holy Temple

and rests in the arms of the Elder as on a throne.

From Joseph He receives gifts fitting for God:

a pair of doves, a symbol of the spotless Church

and of the newly chosen people of the Gentiles,

and two young pigeons,

for He is the originator of the two Covenants, both Old and New.

Simeon, now granted the fulfillment of the prophesies concerning
himself,

blesses the Virgin and Theotokos Mary.

He foretells in figures the Passion of her Son.

From Him he begs release, crying aloud:

“Now, Master, let me depart as You have promised me,

for I have seen the pre-eternal Light//

and the Lord and Savior of the people who bear the name of Christ!”

St. Simeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 8)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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.*

(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)