

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 4

Reader: In the Fourth 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!

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

Angels and men sing of Your Resurrection
on the third day, O Savior.

By it, the ends of the earth have been illuminated.

By it we have been delivered from bondage to the Enemy.

Save us by Your Resurrection!//

O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

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.

You have shattered the gates of brass

and destroyed the chains of death, O Christ God.

You have raised the fallen human race.//

O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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

The Lord took a handful of dust from the earth.

He breathed into it, and created me, a living man.

He made me lord and master of all things on earth;

truly I enjoyed the life of the Angels.

But Satan the deceiver tempted me in the guise of a serpent;

I ate the forbidden fruit and forfeited the glory of God.

Now I have been delivered to the earth through death.//

O my compassionate Lord, call me back to Eden!

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

When the Enemy tempted me,

I disobeyed Your command, O Lord.

I exchanged the glory of my mortal body for shame and nakedness.

Now I must wear garments of skins and fig-leaves;

I am condemned to eat the bread of bitter hardship by the sweat of my brow.

The earth is cursed and brings forth thorns and husks for me.

O Lord, You took on flesh from the Virgin in the fullness of time;//

call me back and restore me to Eden!

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

O Paradise, garden of delight and beauty,

dwelling-place made perfect by God,

unending gladness and eternal joy,

the hope of the prophets and the home of the saints,

by the music of your rustling leaves beseech the Creator of all

to open the gates which my sins have closed,

that I may partake of the Tree of Life and Grace//

which was given to me in the beginning!

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

Adam was exiled from Paradise through disobedience;

he was driven from eternal bliss, deceived by the words of Eve;

he sat naked and weeping before the gates of Paradise.

Let us hasten to enter the season of fasting;

let us carefully obey the Gospel commands,

that we may be made acceptable to Christ our God,//

and regain our home in Eden!

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

Adam sat before the gates of Eden,

bewailing his nakedness and crying out:

“Woe to me! I have listened to wicked deceit;

I have lost my glory, and now am driven away!

Woe to me! My open-mindedness has left me naked and confused!
No longer will I enjoy your delights, O Paradise;
no longer can I see my Lord, my God and Creator.
He formed me from dust, and now to the dust I return!
I beg You, O compassionate Lord://
‘Have mercy on me who have fallen!’”

In the Fourth Tone, 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)

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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 creation.
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;

Adam ate the forbidden fruit and was driven from Paradise.

He sat outside, weeping bitterly:

"Woe to me! What will become of me, a worthless man?"

I disobeyed one command of my Master and lost every good thing!

O holy Paradise, planted for me by God, and closed by the weakness of Eve,
grant that I may once again gaze on the flowers of your gardens!"

The Savior said to him:

"I do not wish the death of my creation!

I desire that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth,//
for him who comes to me I shall never cast out!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

(Theotokion – Tone 6)

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

Then, 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, 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)
