

"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!//

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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!

Tone 4

Idiomelon

(from the Lenten Triodion)

The Fast, the source of blessings,
now has brought us midway through its course.
Having pleased God with the days that have passed,
we look forward to making good use of the days to come,
for growth in blessings brings forth even greater achievements.
While pleasing Christ, the Giver of all blessings, we cry:
"O Lord, Who fasted and endured the Cross for our sake,
make us worthy to share blamelessly in Your paschal victory,
by living in peace and rightly giving glory to You//
and to the Father and the Holy Spirit!"

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v. (9) In the Fifth Tone, The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Tone 5

Idiomelon

(from the Lenten Triodion)

Those who thirst for spiritual blessings
 practice their good deeds in secret,
 not announcing them in the streets and marketplace,
 but keeping them hidden deep within their hearts;
 and He Who sees all that is done in secret
 will reward us for our abstinence.

Let us complete the fast without wearing gloomy faces!

Let us pray without ceasing in the inner chamber of our souls:

“Our Father, Who art in heaven, lead us not into temptation,//

but deliver us from the Evil One!”

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but de - liv - er us from the E - vil One!

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

Tone 5

(for the Martyrs)

With souls filled with boundless love, O holy Martyrs,
you endured terrible sufferings without ever denying Christ,
laying low the arrogance of those who tortured you.
By keeping the faith unshaken and whole,
you have been lifted up to heaven.
And now, since you have boldness before Him,
entreat Him to grant peace to the world//
and to our souls great mercy!

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And now, since you have bold - ness be - fore Him,
en - treat Him to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mer - cy!

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

Tone 1*(for the Cross)**(O all-praised martyrs)*

Let us cleanse our souls in the waters of the fast!
 Let us approach the precious and most pure Cross of the Lord,
venerating it in faith and drawing forth divine enlightenment,
 reaping even now the rich harvest::/
 eternal salvation, peace, and great mercy!

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

O Cross, boast of the Apostles,
 surrounded by Archangels, Powers, and Principalities:
save us from all harm who bow down before you!
 Enable us to fulfill the divine course of abstinence::/
 and to reach the day of salvation, by which we are saved!

O Cross, boast of the A - pos - tles,

surrounded by Archangels, Powers, and Prin - ci - pal - i - ties:
save us from all harm who bow down be - fore you!
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and to reach the day of salvation, by which we are saved!

v. (5) In the Seventh Tone, 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.

Tone 7

(for the Cross)

(Today Judas keeps vigil)

Today, as we bow before the Cross of the Lord, we cry:

Rejoice, O Tree of life, the destroyer of hell!

Rejoice, O joy of the world, the slayer of corruption!

Rejoice, O power that scatters demons!

O invincible weapon, confirmation of the faithful,//

protect and sanctify those who kiss you!"

To - day, as we bow before the Cross of the Lord, we cry:
Re - joice, O Tree of life, the de - stroy - er of hell!

Re - joice, O joy of the world, the slayer of cor - rup - tion!

Re - joice, O power that scatters de - mons!

O in - vin - ci - ble wea - pon, confirmation of the faith - ful,

protect and sanctify those who kiss you!

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

Tone 2

(from the Menaion, for St. Innocent)

(from October 6)

O Holy Father Innocent,
 like the Apostles long ago,
 you accepted the Lord's command to baptize all peoples in His name;
 you left your homeland to proclaim His truth
 to an island people sitting in darkness.//
 With them lead us down the path to the Kingdom of Heaven!

O Holy Father In - no - cent, like the Apostles long a - go,

you ac - cept - ed the Lord's command to baptize all peo - ples in His name;

you left your homeland to pro-claim His truth to an island people sitting in dark-ness.
 With them lead us down the path to the Kingdom of Heav - en!

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

Like the betrothed of the Theotokos,
 you worked with your hands in humility;
 and through you, like Constantine, churches blossomed throughout the land,
 built for the feeding of the flock//
 that you gathered and led into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 and through you, like Constantine, churches blos - somed through - out the land,
 built for the feed - ing of the flock
 that you gathered and led into the Kingdom of Hea - ven.

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

Like the Holy Brothers from Thessalonica,
 who brought illumination to your forefathers,

you labored to bring this same inheritance
to untaught peoples placed in your care;
that, worshipping the One True God in words of many tongues, //
they might, by the Word, be led into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Like the Holy Brothers from Thes - sa - lo - ni - ca,
who brought illumination to your fore - fa - thers,
you la-bored to bring this same in-her - i-tance to untaught peoples placed in your care;
that, worshipping the One True God in words of ma - ny tongues,
they might, by the Word, be led into the Kingdom of Heav - en.

v. (1) In the Same Tone, For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

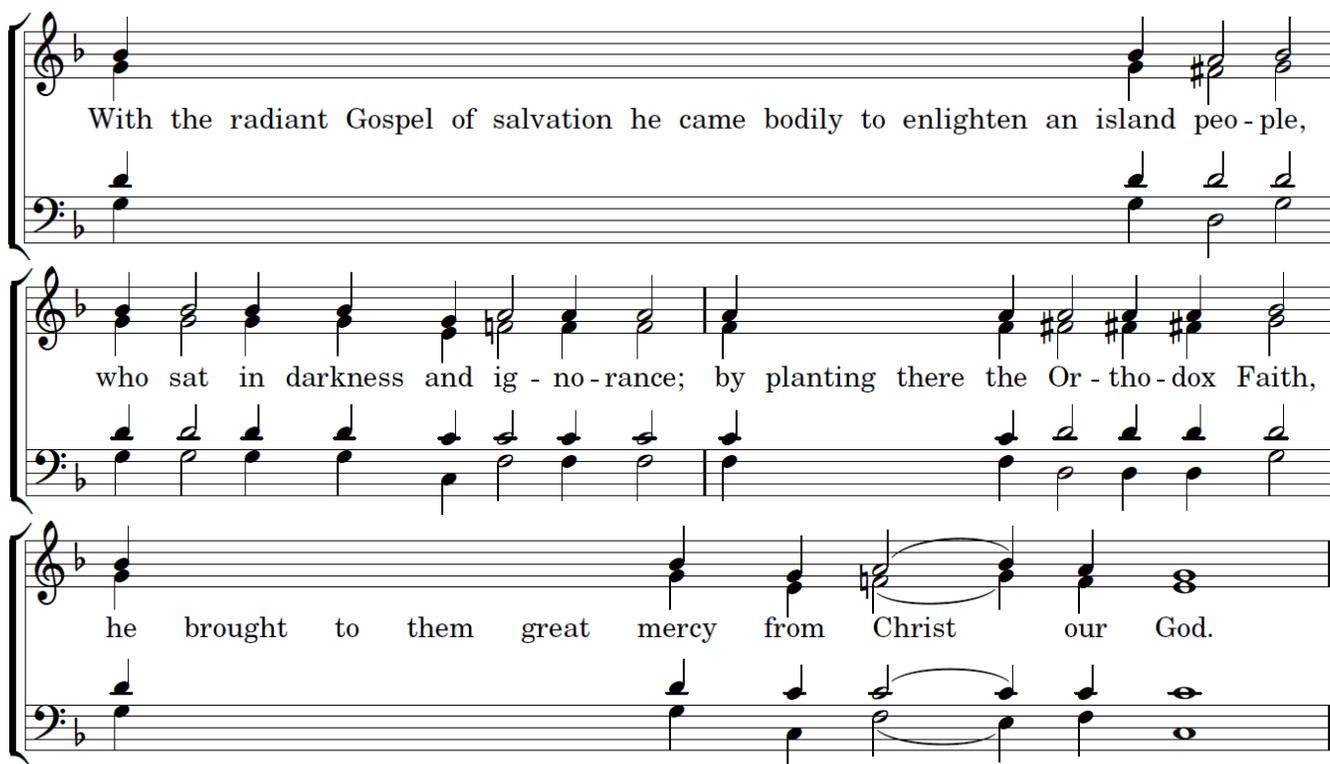
Tone 2

(from the Menaion, for St. Innocent)

(With what crowns)

With what crowns of praise shall we adorn the wise Apostle of our land?
With the radiant Gospel of salvation he came bodily to enlighten an island people,
who sat in darkness and ignorance;
by planting there the Orthodox Faith, //
he brought to them great mercy from Christ our God.

With what crowns of praise shall we adorn the wise A - pos - tle of our land?

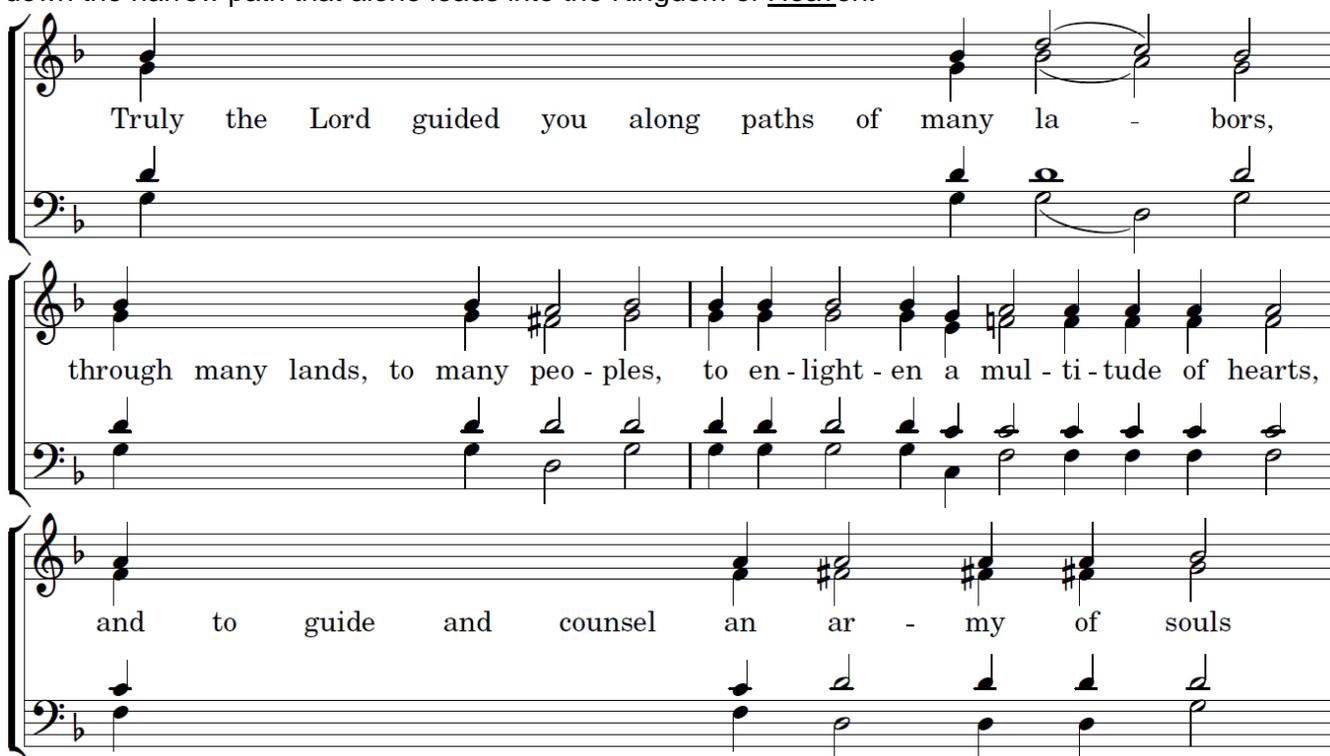


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 who sat in darkness and ig - no - rance; by planting there the Or - tho - dox Faith,
 he brought to them great mercy from Christ our God.

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

Tone 2 *(from the Menaion, for St. Innocent)*

Truly the Lord guided you along paths of many labors,
 through many lands, to many peoples,
 to enlighten a multitude of hearts,
 and to guide and counsel an army of souls//
 down the narrow path that alone leads into the Kingdom of Heaven.



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In the Eighth Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8

(Theotokion, from the Triodion)

Today He Who by nature is unapproachable approaches me.
 He Who freed me from my passions endures the Passion.
 The Light of the blind is spat upon by lawless lips.
 For the sake of captives He gives His back to scourging.
 When His pure Virgin Mother beheld Him on the Cross, she cried in pain:
 "Woe is me, O my Child! What have You done?
 Your beauty was fairer than that of any man,
 yet now You appear lifeless,
 without form or comeliness.
 Woe is me, O my Light!
 I cannot bear to see You sleeping.
 My soul is wounded, for a sword has pierced my heart,
 and yet I praise Your Passion.
 I bow down before Your compassion.//
 O long-suffering Lord, glory to You!"

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without form or comeliness. Woe is me, O my Light! I cannot bear to see You sleeping.

My soul is wounded, for a sword has pierced my heart, and yet I praise Your passion.

I bow down before Your compassion. O long-suffering Lord, glory to You!

O Gladsome Light ... The Holy Doors remain opened.

Tone 4**Prokeimenon**

Celebrant: The evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: The Prokeimenon is in the Fourth Tone: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things!

Choir: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things!

Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el,

Who a - lone _____ does won - drous things.

Reader: Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to the royal son!

Choir: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things!

Reader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, ...

Choir: ... Who alone does wondrous things!

Who a - lone _____ does won - drous things.

Who a - lone _____ does won - drous things.

Celebrant: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Book of Moses called Genesis (9:18-10:1)

Celebrant: Let us attend!

The Holy Doors are closed.

Reader: The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed. Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers." He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant." After the flood Noah lived 350 years. All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died. These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.

The Holy Doors are opened.

Celebrant: Wisdom! Upright! (***all prostrate***) The Light of Christ illumines all.

Reader: The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon (12:23-13:9)

Celebrant: Let us attend!

The Holy Doors are closed.

Reader: A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly. The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth. In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death. A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. From the fruit of his mouth a man eats what is good, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence. Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied. The righteous hates falsehood, but the wicked brings shame and disgrace. Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, but sin overthrows the wicked. One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, but a poor man hears no threat. The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

The Holy Doors are opened.

Old Testament Readings (*St. Innocent*)

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Proverbs. (*Composite 2: Proverbs 10, 3, 8*)

Priest: Let us attend!

The Holy Doors are closed.

Reader: The memory of a righteous man is praised, and the Lord's blessing is upon his head. Blessed is one who has found wisdom; a mortal who knows understanding. To import her is better than treasures of gold and silver. She is more valuable than precious stones; nothing of value equals her worth. Righteousness proceeds from her mouth; she bears law and mercy on her tongue. Therefore, my children listen to me, for I speak weighty things. And blessed is the one who keeps my ways. For my goings out are the goings out of life, and favor is prepared from the Lord. Therefore I exhort you, and utter my voice to the children of humankind. Because I, Wisdom, have prepared counsel, knowledge and understanding. I have called on them. Counsel and sureness are mine; prudence is mine, strength is mine. I love those who are my friends, while those who seek me shall find grace. You innocent, then, understand cunning; you untaught, take it to heart. Listen to me, for I will speak weighty things, and I will open right things from my lips. Because my throat will meditate truth; lying lips are abominable before me. All the words of my mouth are with righteousness, there is nothing crooked in them nor twisted. They are all straight for those who understand, and right for those who find knowledge. For I teach you what is true, that your hope may be in the Lord and that you may be filled with spirit.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Proverbs. (*Composite 3: Wisdom 4:7, 16, 17, 119; 20:5-7*)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The righteous man, though he die early, will be at rest. The righteous man who has died will judge the ungodly who are living. For they will see the end of the righteous, and will not understand what was said about him; for the Lord will cast down the ungodly speechless to the ground and shake them from the foundations; they shall become desolate to the end; they will be in sorrows, and their memory will perish. For they will come with fear at the thought of their sins, and their iniquities shall stand against them to convict them. Then the righteous man will stand with great boldness before those who have afflicted him, and those who have made of no account his labors. Having seen it, they shall be troubled with much fear and they will be amazed at his most-glorious salvation. They will say within themselves in repentance, in anguish of spirit they will groan and say: "This was he whom we had sometimes in derision and a proverb of reproach—we fools! We accounted his life as madness, and his end to be without honor. How is he numbered among the sons of God? And why is his lot among the Saints? "Therefore, we have erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not illumine

us, nor did the sun shine on us. We took our fill of the paths of lawlessness and destruction, and we walked impassible pathways, but the way of the Lord we have not known."

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon. (*Composite 4: Proverbs 10:31-32 and Wisdom of Solomon 6, 7, 8, 9*)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The mouth of a righteous man distills wisdom; the lips of men know graces. The mouth of the wise meditates wisdom; righteousness delivers them from death. When a righteous man dies hope is not lost; for a righteous son is born for life, and among his good things he shall pluck the fruit of righteousness. There is light at all times for the righteous, and they shall find grace and glory from the Lord. The tongue of the wise knows what is good, and wisdom shall take its rest in their hearts. The Lord loves holy hearts; while all who are blameless in the way are acceptable to him. The wisdom of the Lord will enlighten the face of the understanding; for she anticipates those who desire her before they know it, and is easily contemplated by those who love her. One who rises for her at dawn shall not toil, and one who keeps vigil because of her shall be without care. For she goes about seeking those who are worthy of her, and shows herself favorably to those on her paths. Wickedness shall never prevail against wisdom. Because of this I too became a lover of her beauty and became her friend, and I sought her out from my youth, and I sought to take her as my bride, because the Master of all things loved her, for she is an initiate of the knowledge of God and one who chooses his works. Her toils are virtues; she herself teaches sobriety and prudence; righteousness and courage, than which things nothing is more useful in human life. If anyone longs for much experience, she knows how to compare things of old and those that are to come. She knows the twists of words and the explanations of riddles. She foresees signs and wonders and the outcomes of seasons and times. And to all she is a good counsellor. Because immortality is in her, and fame in the fellowship of her words. Therefore I appealed to the Lord and besought him and said from my whole heart, "God of my Fathers and Lord of mercy, who made all things by your Word, and established humanity by your Wisdom to be sovereign over the creatures that had come into being by you, and to order the world in holiness and righteousness, give me Wisdom who sits by your throne, and do not reject me from among your children, for I am your servant and the son of your maid servant. Send her out from your holy dwelling and from the throne of your glory, that she may be present with me and teach me what is well pleasing before you. And she will guide me with knowledge and guard me with her glory. For all the thoughts of mortals are wretched and their ideas are unstable".

The Holy Doors are opened.

Priest: † Peace to you who read.

Priest: Wisdom!

(*Psalm 140 "Let my prayer arise ..."*)

(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)