

"Lord, I Call..." – Tone 7

Reader: In the Seventh 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

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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 7*Idiomelon**(from the Lenten Triodion)*

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 Like a beast, I cannot lift up my eyes to You, O Most High.
 But bowing down, O Christ, I pray like the Publican and cry://
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v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

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

Tone 6

(from the Menaion, for the Feast)

(Having placed all their hope)

Revealing to you the pre-eternal counsel,
 Gabriel came and stood before you, O Maiden,
 and greeting you, he said:
 "Rejoice, earth that has not been sown!
 Rejoice, burning bush that remains unconsumed!
 Rejoice, unsearchable depth!
 Rejoice, bridge that leads to Heaven!
 Rejoice, ladder raised on high that Jacob saw!
 Rejoice, divine jar of manna!
 Rejoice, deliverance from the curse!
 Rejoice, restoration of Adam;//
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v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

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

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v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

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 said the undefiled Maid to the chief of the Heavenly Hosts.
 "How then do you speak to me of things that pass man's power?
 You have said that God shall be with me
 and shall take up His dwelling in my womb.
 How shall I become the spacious habitation
 and the holy place of Him Who rides upon the Cherubim?
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v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

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

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

Then the bodiless Angel replied:

"When God so wills, the order of nature is overcome,
 and what is beyond man comes to pass.

Believe that my sayings are true,
 O all-holy and immaculate Lady!"

And she cried aloud:

"Let it be to me according to your word,
 and I shall bear Him Who is without flesh!

He shall borrow flesh from me,
 that through this mingling


He may lead mankind up to its ancient glory,//
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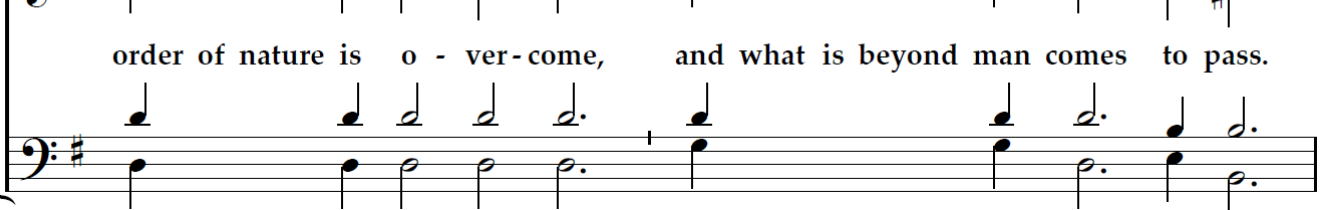


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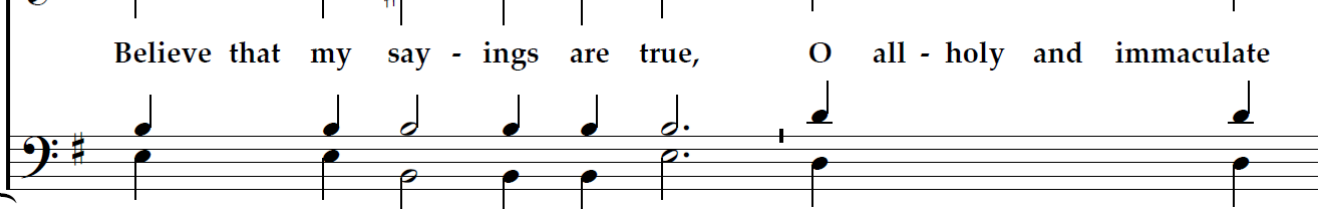
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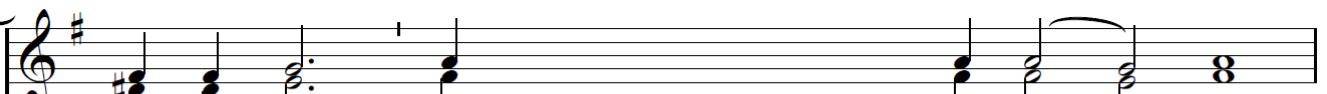
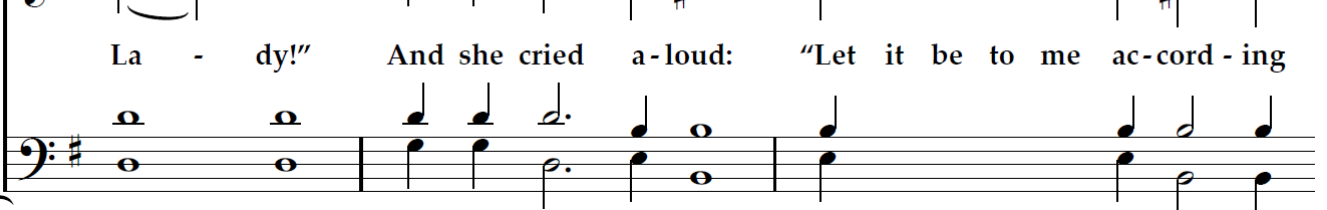
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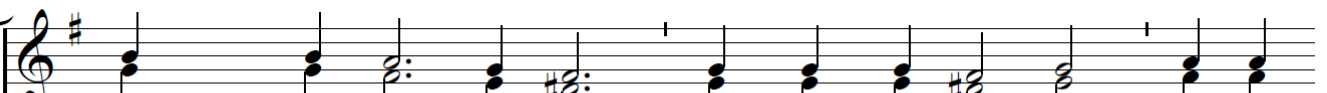
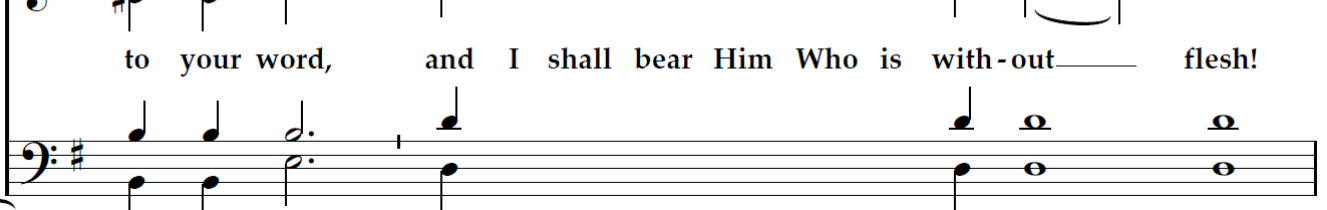
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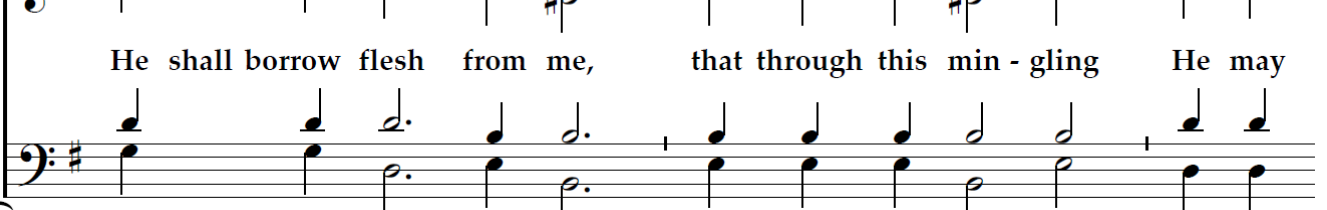
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*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen.*

Tone 6*(for the Feast, by John the Monk)*

The Archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven,
to announce to the Virgin the good news of her conceiving.
And coming to Nazareth, he was filled with wonder at the miracle,
and reasoned within himself:
“How is it that He Who dwells on high,
Whom none can comprehend, is to be born of a Virgin?
How is He, Whose throne is Heaven and Whose footstool is the earth,
to be contained in the womb of a woman?
He upon Whom the six-winged Seraphim and the many-eyed Cherubim
are not able to gaze
is well-pleased to be made flesh from her at a single word.
It is the Word of God Who is to come.
Why then do I hesitate, and not say to the Maiden:
‘Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!
Rejoice, pure Virgin!
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O Gladsome Light ... The Holy Doors remain opened.

Tone 4**Prokeimenon***Celebrant:* The evening Prokeimenon!**Reader:** Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, / You who lead Joseph like a flock! (*Ps. 79:1*)*Choir:* Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, / You who lead Joseph like a flock!

Listen, O shep - herd of Is - ra - el,
 You Who lead _____ Jo - seph like _____ a flock!

Reader: You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth! (*Ps. 79:2a*)*Choir:* Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, / You who lead Joseph like a flock!

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Reader: Listen, O Shepherd of Israel,*Choir:* You who lead Joseph like a flock!

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Reader: The reading from the first book of Moses, called Genesis. (12:1-7)

First Deacon: Let us attend!

The Holy Doors are closed.

Reader: The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and you will be blessed. I will bless those who bless you, and those who curse you I will curse; and in you all the tribes of the earth will be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord God had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Charan. And Abram took Sara his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions which they had gathered, and every person that they had gathered in Charan; and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. And Abram journeyed through the length of the land to the place at Shechem, to the high oak. At that time the Canaanites inhabited the land. And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

The Holy Doors are opened.

Tone 4

Prokeimenon

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone, Rejoice in God, / my Savior! (*Ps. 80:1a*)

Choir: Rejoice in God, / my Savior!

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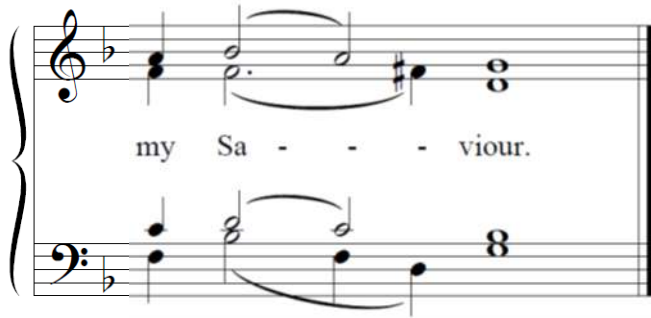
Reader: Raise a song, sound the timbrel!

Choir: Rejoice in God, / my Savior!

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Reader: Rejoice in God,

Choir: my Savior!



Priest, holding a lit candle, facing East: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Then, having turned to the West - to the People - he says:

The Light of Christ illumines all!

At this time the **People** make a full prostration to the ground. Then, the Reader immediately says:

Reader: The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon. (Proverbs 14:15-26)

Celebrant: Let us attend!

The Holy Doors are closed.

Reader: The simple believes every word, but the prudent goes to repentance. The wise fears and has turned away from evil, but the fool trusting in himself mixes with the ungodly. A person of quick temper acts thoughtlessly, but a prudent one bears many things. Fools will have wickedness as their portion, but the prudent will take hold of understanding. The evil will bow before the good, the impious will serve at the gates of the righteous. Friends will hate poor friends, but the rich has many friends. One who dishonors paupers commits sin, but one who has mercy on the poor is blessed. Those who go astray devise evils, but the good devise mercy and truth. Devisers of evils do not know mercy, but acts of mercy and faithfulness are with the devisers of good. With everyone who cares there is abundance, but the pleasure seeker and the callous will be in want. The crown of the wise is their wealth, but occupation of fools is wicked. A faithful witness will deliver a soul from evils, but a trickster kindles lies. In the fear of the Lord is hope of strength, while he leaves to his children a support of peace.

First Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the first book of Moses, called Genesis. (28:10-17)

First Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Jacob went out from the well of the oath and journeyed towards Harran. And he lighted on a place and slept there, for the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of the place and put it at his head; and he slept in that place, and he dreamed. And behold, a ladder set up on the earth, whose head reached to heaven; and the Angels of God were going up and going down upon it. But the Lord stood above it and said: I am the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac, do not be afraid. The land on which you are sleeping I shall give to you and to your seed. And your seed shall be like the sand of the earth, and it shall be spread abroad to the Sea and Liva and North and East; and in you and in your seed all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed. And behold, I am with you, guarding you on every road on which you may journey; and I shall bring you back again to this land, because I shall never abandon you until I have done all that I have said to you. And Jacob arose from his sleep and said: The Lord is in this

place, but I did not know it. And he was afraid, and said: How fearful is this place. This is none other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel. (Ezekiel 43:72, 44:1-4)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Thus says the Lord: It shall be from the eighth day and upwards, the Priests shall make your holocausts upon the altar, and those for your salvation; and I shall accept you, says the Lord. And he turned me back by the way of the outer gate of the Holy Place, which looks towards the east, and it was shut. And the Lord said to me: This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no one shall pass through it, because the Lord, the God of Israel, will enter through it, and it shall be shut. Therefore this prince shall sit in it to eat bread. By the way of the Elam of the gate he shall enter, and by that way he shall go out. And he brought me by the way of the gate towards the North, opposite the House; and I saw, and behold the whole house of the Lord was full of glory.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon. (Proverbs 9:1-11)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Wisdom has built herself a house. She has slaughtered her beasts and mixed her wine in the mixing bowl, and prepared her table. She has sent out her servants, to invite with a loud proclamation upon the mixing bowl: Whoever is foolish, let him turn to me. And to those who lack wisdom she said: Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine that I have mixed for you. Abandon folly, and you shall live; and seek understanding that you may have life, and set aright your understanding with knowledge. One who corrects the wicked shall gain dishonor for himself. One who rebukes the impious shall get blame for himself; for to the impious rebukes are blows. Do not rebuke the wicked, lest they hate you. Rebuke a wise man and he shall love you. Give instruction to a wise man and he shall be wiser; teach a righteous man and he shall increase learning. The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord, and the counsel of Saints, understanding. While to know the law is the part of a good mind. For by this means you shall live for a long time, and years shall be added to your life.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Second Book of Moses called Exodus (3:1-8, for the Archangel)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Moses was feeding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He brought his sheep into the wilderness, and came to Mount Horeb. An Angel of the Lord appeared to him in flaming fire out of the bush. Moses saw that the bush was burning, but was not consumed. He said, "I will go and see this great sight, why the bush is not consumed:"

When the Lord saw him approach, he called out from the bush, saying, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses answered, "What is it?"

The Lord said, "Come no closer. Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob:"

Moses turned away in fear, unable to look at God.

The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen the suffering of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry caused by their taskmasters. I know their affliction. I have come down to deliver them from that land, and to bring them into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon** (8:22-30, for the Archangel)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Lord created me as the beginning of his ways, for the sake of his works. He founded me before the present age, in the beginning, before he created the earth. Before he created the depths, before he brought forth the springs of the waters, before the mountains were established, and before all the hills, he begets me. The Lord made countries and uninhabited places, and the highest inhabited places under heaven. When he prepared the heaven I was present with him, and when he marked out his throne upon the winds; when he strengthened the clouds above, and when he secured the springs under heaven; when he set the boundaries of the sea by a command which the waters obey, and when he bolstered the foundations of the earth; I was beside him, arranging all things. I was the one in whom he took delight, and daily I rejoiced again and again in his presence.

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)