

**"Lord I Call..." – Tone 4**

Reader: In the Fourth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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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Receive the voice of my prayer when I call upon You.

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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!

**Tone 4**

(for the Resurrection)

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!”

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Glory to You, O all pow - er - ful 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.

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demolished the king-dom of death!  
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granting to the world life, incorruption and great  
mer-cy.

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!

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save us by Your Re - sur - rec - tion, O life-creating and Almighty Sa - viour,

glo - ry to You!

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

## Tone 6

*(from the Lenten Triodion)*

*(Having placed all their hope)*

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!  
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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.  
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Soprano      Alto

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Tenor      Bass

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the glo - ry of God. Now I have been delivered to the

earth through death. // O my compassionate Lord, call me  
back to E - den!

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.*

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!

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mand, O Lord. I exchanged the glory of my mortal body for  
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 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 full - ness of time; // call me back and re -  
 store me to E - den!

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

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!

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place made per - fect by God, unending gladness and e - ter - nal

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all to open to me 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 be - gin - ning!

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

**Tone 5** (for the Forerunner)

(Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross)

Rejoice, O holy and light-bearing head,  
venerated by the angels!  
Of old, you were cut off by the sword,  
for you had cut through the shameful deeds with sharp reproaches.  
Like a fountain refreshing the faithful with wonders,  
you declared the saving coming of the Savior,  
and perceived the coming of the Spirit,  
Who took up His abode in you,  
as you stood between the grace of the Old and New Covenants.//  
Entreat Christ God to grant our souls great mercy!

Re - joice, O holy and light bear - ing head, venerated by the An - gels!

Of old, you were cut off by the sword,

for you had cut through the shameful deeds with sharp re - proach - es.

Like a fountain refreshing the faithful with won - ders,

you de - clared the saving coming of the Sav - ior,  
 and per - ceived the coming of the Spir - it, Who took up His a - bode in you,  
 as you stood between the grace of the Old and New Co - ve - nants.  
 Entreat Christ God to grant our souls great mer - cy!

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

The head of the Forerunner is made manifest.

Once it was concealed in an earthen vessel;  
now it is openly given up from the depths of the earth,  
pouring forth streams of healing.

For he washed in the waters the head of the One

Who even now covers the chambers of the firmament with waters  
and rains down divine forgiveness for mankind.

Then let us bless this truly praiseworthy head

and joyfully celebrate its finding,//

entreating Christ to grant our souls great mercy!

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 Who even now covers the chambers of the firmament with wa - ters  
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 Then let us bless this truly praise - wor - thy head  
 and joy - ful - ly celebrate its find - - ing,  
 entreating Christ to grant our souls great mer - - cy!

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

The head that proclaimed the Lamb of God Who appeared in the flesh  
 declared to all the ways of saving repentance with divine precepts,

before it had denounced the lawlessness of Herod  
and therefore was severed from its body.

It was concealed for a time  
and has risen to us as a shining sun,  
crying out: "Repent and with compunction of soul submit to the Lord//  
Who grants the world great mercy!"

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Who grants the world great mer- - - cy!"

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

**Tone 6** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

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 hath 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!”

Soprano      Alto

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My open - mindedness has left me nak - ed and con - fused!

No longer will I enjoy your delights, O Par - a - dise;

no longer can I see my Lord, my God and Cre - a - tor.

He formed me from dust, and now to the dust I re - turn!

I beg You, O com - pas - sion - ate Lord: // Have mercy on  
me who have fall - en!"

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

**Tone 4***(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

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.

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Christ who has great and rich mercy//  
has saved the world, O Theotokos.

The prophet David was a fa - ther of the Lord, through you, O Vir - gin.

He fore - told in songs the One Who worked won - der in you.

"At Your right hand stood the Queen, Your mother the medi - a - trix of life

since God was freely born of her with - out a fa - ther!"

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in pas - sion;

so He took the lost sheep upon His shoul - - - der;

and brought it to His Fa - ther, joining it to the hea - ven - ly powers.

Christ, Who has great and rich mer - - - cy,

has saved the world, O The - o - to - - - kos!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

People: *O Gladsome Light ...* (p. 16)

*Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings*

*Priest: Wisdom!*

*Reader: The reading from the Prophesy of Isaiah. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1)*

*Priest: Let us attend!*

*Reader: Thus says the Lord: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not. I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit. Declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!" They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and the water gushed out. "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud. For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married."*

*Priest: Wisdom!*

*Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Malachi. (Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 17-18; 4:4-6)*

*Priest: Let us attend!*

*Reader: Thus says the Lord Almighty: See, I am sending my Angel, my messenger, before your face, who will prepare your way before you. And the Lord whom you seek will come to his temple. And who shall endure the day of his entrance? And who shall withstand at his appearing? Because he will enter like fire in a smelting furnace and like the lye of launderers. And he will come to you in judgement; and he will be a swift witness against the wicked and against adulteresses and against those swear falsely in his name and those who do not fear him, says the Lord Almighty. Because I am the Lord your God, and I have not changed and you, children of Jacob, have perverted the laws and not kept them. Therefore turn back to me and I will turn back to you, says the Lord Almighty. And all the nations shall call you blessed and you shall know that I am the Lord who discern between just and lawless on the day on which I make a peculiar possession of those who love me. Know then and remember the law of Moses my servant, as I gave him commandment on Horeb, to all Israel ordinances and judgements. And see, I will send you Elijah the Tishbite, before the great and manifest day of the Lord comes; he shall turn again the heart of father to son and of a man to his neighbor, lest when I come I smite the earth grievously, says the Lord Almighty, God the Holy One of Israel.*

*Priest: Wisdom!*

*Reader: The reading from the Judges of Israel. (Judges 13:2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21)*

*Priest: Let us attend!*

*Reader: A righteous man if he comes to his end shall be at rest. A righteous man who dies shall condemn the ungodly who are alive; for they shall see the end of a righteous man and shall not understand what they counselled concerning him. For the Lord will break the ungodly, render them voiceless and cast them headlong, and he will shake them from the foundations and they shall be utterly wasted in sorrow, and their memory shall perish. They shall come with fear at the accounting of their sins, and their iniquities shall convict them to their face. Then the righteous shall stand with much boldness in the face of those who afflicted him and made his toils of no account. When they see this they shall be troubled with great fear and shall be amazed at the wonder of his salvation. For they shall say as they repent and with anguish they shall groan and say: Is this he whom we fools once made a laughing stock and a byword of reproach? We reckoned his life folly and his end dishonor. How has he been numbered among the children of God and his lot with the Saints? Therefore we have erred from the way of truth and the light of righteousness has not shone on us and the sun has not dawned on us. We have been filled with paths of lawlessness and destruction and journeyed through trackless paths, but have not known the way of the Lord.*

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*Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)*

**Aposticha – Tone 4**

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.

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granting incorruption to the hu - man race! Therefore in song we glorify Your

life-creating and saving Re-sur-rec - - - tion!

*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 dwell in the tombs,  
granting life and incorruption to the human race.//  
Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.

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 granting life and incorruption to the hu - man race! Therefore in songs we glorify Your  
 ris - ing 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.

The lawless peo - ple, O Christ, handed You over to Pilate condemned  
 to be cru - ci - fied, thus pro - ving themselves ungrateful before their Ben - e - fac - tor!

But voluntarily You endured bu - ri - al, rising by Your own power on the  
third day as God, granting us life ever - last-ing and great mer - cy.

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!”

With tears the women reached Your tomb, searching for You, but not find - ing You,  
they wept with wailing and la - ment - ed: "Woe to us! Our Saviour, King of all,  
how were You sto - len? What place can hold Your life-bearing Bo - dy?"

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

**Tone 2** (for the Forerunner)

Your head, O all-praised John,  
the all-revered shrine of divine thoughts,  
has shone forth today from the secret places of the earth.  
From your mother's womb it clearly foresaw the mystery of Ineffable Being  
and has made the whole earth fragrant,  
pouring forth the sweet oil of sanctification,  
spiritually preaching the way of repentance,//  
and entreating the Savior of all on behalf of our souls.

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spiritually preaching the way of re - pen - tance,  
and entreating the Savior of all on be - half of our souls.

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

**Tone 6** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

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!”

Soprano  
Alto

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Tenor  
Bass

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all should be saved and come to the know - ledge of the truth, //

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*Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)*

(at Great Vespers)

**Tone 4**

**Troparion**

(Resurrection)

(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!”

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the joyous message of Your Re-sur-rec - tion; they cast away the an-ces - tral curse

and elatedly told the a - pos - tles: Death is o - ver - thrown!

Christ our God is ri - sen, | grant-ing the world great mer - cy!

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

**Tone 4**

**Troparion**

(Forerunner)

(Troparion for St. John – Tone 6)

The head of the Forerunner has shone from the earth,  
sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the faithful.

It gathers together a multitude of Angels above  
and summons the human race below//  
to send up glory with one voice to Christ our God.

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

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sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the  
faith- ful. It gathers together a multitude of an-gels a-bove,  
and summons the human race be - low, to send up glory  
with one voice to Christ our God.

*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.

Soprano      Alto  
 Tenor      Bass

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 cre - a - ted man, saving our souls from death.

### *Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 4

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4)

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Tenor  
Bass

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and summons the human race be - low, to send up glory  
with one voice to Christ our God.

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

## Tone 2

## Kontakion

### *(Forerunner)*

*(Kontakion for the Forerunner – Tone 2)*

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace,  
we have found your head as a sacred rose.

Therefore we always receive healings from it,  
and, as in times past, now you preach repentance to the world.

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

O Prophet of God and Fore-run-ner of Grace,  
we have found your head as a sa-cred rose. There-fore,  
we always re-ceive heal-ings from it, and as in times\_  
past now you preach re-pen-tance to the world.

*now*

of ages. Am

(from the Lanton Tradition)

## Tone 6 Kontakt

*(Kontakion from the Triodion –  
Orthodox Easter Service)*

## O Master, Teacher

Bestower of virtue,  
Who teach the thoughtless and protect the poor,  
strengthen and enlighten my heart!

## strengthen and enlighten Ω Word of the Father

**O Word of the Father,**  
let me not restrain my mouth from crying to You:

“Have mercy on me, a transgressor //

Have mercy on me,  
O merciful Lord!"

Soprano      Alto

O Master, teacher of wisdom, Be - stow - er

Tenor      Bass

of vir - tue, who teach the thoughtless and pro - tect

the poor: strengthen and en - light - en my heart.

O Word of the Fa - ther, let me not restrain

my mouth from cry - ing to You: "Have mercy on me

a trans - gres - sor, O Mer - ci - ful One."

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(then, p. 83)

**Tone 8****Prokeimenon***(from the Lenten Triodion)**Prokeimenon, Tone 8*

Priest: Let us attend! † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Pray and make your vows be - fore the Lord our God!

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!!

Pray and make your vows be - fore the Lord our God!

Reader: In the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone, The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall put his hope in Him.

Choir: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall put his hope in Him.

The right - eous one shall re - joice in the Lord, and shall put his hope in Him.

Deacon: Wisdom!

**Epistle:** (112) Romans 13:11-14:4 and (176) 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 *(Forerunner)***Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, salvation is now nearer to us than when we first believed! The night is far gone, and the day is near. Let us therefore throw off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk decently, as in the day; not in parties and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and lustful acts, and not in strife or jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and do not think how to satisfy the flesh and its lusts.

Accept the one who is weak in faith, but not to enter into arguments over disputable matters. One has faith to eat all things while the weak eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything should not look down on the one who does not eat. The one who does not eat should not judge the one who eats because God has accepted him. Who are you who judge someone else's servant? He stands or falls to his own master! Yes, that one will be made able to stand, because God has the power to make someone stand.

Brothers and sisters, it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, and he has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

However, we have this treasure in vessels of clay, so that the amazing power may be from God and not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side, yet we are not crushed! We are perplexed, but not to the point of despair. We are persecuted yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; and we always carry in our bodies the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. Indeed, we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. And so, death is at work in us, but life in you. Still, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke." We believe, and therefore we also speak; knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and bring us with you into his presence. All these things are for your benefit, so that as grace is extended to many, this may also cause thanksgiving to be multiplied to the glory of God.

*Priest: † Peace to you who read!*

*Alleluia: Tone 6*

*Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone: Alleluia! It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.*

*Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Reader: to declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.*

*Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Reader: In the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone, The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

*Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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**Gospel:** (17) Matthew 6:14-21 and (40) Matthew 11:2-15 (*Forerunner*)

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*Deacon: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.*

*Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.*

*Deacon: The Lord said: For if you forgive people their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive people their offenses, neither will your Father forgive your offenses.*

Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites with their gloomy faces. For they disfigure their faces so that people may see that they are fasting. Amen, I tell you: they have received their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that people may not see that you are fasting. Only your Father who is in secret will see, and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you openly.

Do not store up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal. Instead, store for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

At that time, when John heard about the works of Christ from his prison, he sent two of his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who comes or should we look for another?"

Jesus replied to them, "Go and tell John about the things you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have Good News preached to them. Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me."

As they went their way, Jesus began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses! But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet! Indeed, he is the one of whom it is written:

*Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I tell you: among those born of women, there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptizer! Yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptizer until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came. If you are willing to accept it, this John is Elijah who was to come. Anyone who has ears for listening should listen!

*Priest: Peace to you who have proclaimed the Gospel.*

*Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.*

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**Sermon**

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### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Praise the Lord from the heav - ens! Praise Him in the high - est!" The bottom staff is in bass clef and common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "The righteous shall be in ev-erlasting remembrance He shall not fear e-vil tidings!" The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some sustained notes and a few grace notes.

- (1) Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments.
- (2) His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.
- (3) Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.
- (4) Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
- (5) A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.
- (6) His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.
- (7) He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.
- (8) The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!" The bottom staff is in bass clef and common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The music features a repetitive eighth-note pattern on the bass staff, with the treble staff providing harmonic support. A large number '8' is placed above the treble staff.