

Vespers sung on Saturday 6th March 2021

✕ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 6

[Music on website]

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me.
Hear me, O Lord.
Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me.
Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon Thee.//
Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise
in Thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice.//
Hear me, O Lord.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!

Tone 6

[Music on website]

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,
since Thou art free among the dead,
Thou didst ascend the Cross
raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death.//
Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty Saviour, have mercy on us!

The righteous await me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Today Christ tramples on death,
for He is risen as He said!
Let us all sing this song,
for He has granted joy to the world:
O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//
O Saviour Almighty, have mercy on us!

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation?
In heaven Thou dwellest!
In hell Thou didst trample on death!
In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Thy hand, O Master!

[To Thee we flee

To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray://
O Thou who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

In Thy Cross we glory, O Christ!
We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection!
For Thou art our God//
and we know no other than Thee.

If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquity, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

We will always bless the Lord
by singing His Resurrection!
For He endured the Cross//
trampling down death by death.

For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy Word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Glory to Thy might, O Lord,
for Thou didst destroy the prince of death!
By Thy Cross renewing us//
granting us life and incorruption.

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 6 (For the Last Judgement)

[Music on website]

O righteous Judge of all mankind,
Thou wilt come, enthroned in glory and escorted by angels,
to judge the living and the dead.
Every man will stand in fear before Thee,
trembling at the river of fire flowing past Thy throne,
as each one waits to hear the sentence he deserves.
On that awesome day have mercy on us as well, O Christ;
count us worthy of salvation,
for, worthless as we are, we turn to Thee in faith,//
O compassionate and merciful Lord!

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

The books will be opened, and the works of all men laid bare;
the vale of tears will echo with the gnashing of teeth;
the sinners will mourn in vain, as they depart to eternal damnation.
Thy judgements are just, O Lord Almighty!
We beg Thee, O Master full of goodness and compassion,//
take pity on us who sing to Thee, O most merciful One!

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

The trumpet shall sound, and the graves shall be opened;
all mankind will arise in trembling;
the righteous will rejoice, as they receive their reward,
but the wicked will depart to eternal fire with wailing and horror.
O Lord of Glory, have mercy on us!
Number us with those who love Thee,//
for Thou alone art good, O Master!

For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

I shudder in terror when I think of that dreadful day;
I weep as I consider the darkness that will never see light:
there the worm shall not cease nor the fire be quenched;
the pain of those who reject Thee will never end.
Save me, Thy most worthless servant, O Righteous Judge,//
for Thy mercy and compassion are my only hope!

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

Tone 8 (For the Last Judgement) [Music on website]

When the thrones are set in place and the books are opened,
then God will take His place on the judgement seat.
Oh, what a fearful sight!
The angels stand in fear, and the river of fire flows by.
What shall we do, who are already condemned by our many sins,
as we hear Christ call the righteous to His Father's Kingdom,
and send the wicked to eternal damnation?
Who among us can bear that terrible verdict?
Hasten to us, O Lover of man and King of the universe;
grant us the grace of repentance before the end,//
and have mercy on us!

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

Tone 6 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

[Music on website]

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,
not two persons, but one known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//
to have mercy on our souls!

✠ **READINGS** – No readings are appointed for today

✠ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 6

[Music on website]

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Saviour!
How dost Thou deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Thy life bearing body?
Come to us as Thou didst promise!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
‘The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

v. Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

Having been crucified as Thou didst will,
by Thy burial Thou didst capture death, O Christ,
rising on the third day as God in glory, //
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

Tone 8 (*For the Last Judgement*)

[[Music on website](#)]

Woe to thee, O my darkened soul!
Thy life is stained by depravity and laziness;
thy folly makes thee shun all thought of death.
How complacent dost thou remain!
How canst thou flee the fearful thought of Judgement Day?
When wilt thou change thy way of life?
On that day thy sins will rise against thee.
What wilt thou answer then?
Thine acts will condemn thee; thy deeds will expose thee.
The time is at hand, O my soul.
Turn to the good and loving Saviour!
Beg Him to forgive thy malice and weakness, as thou criest in faith:
“I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against Thee,
but I know Thy love for all mankind. //
O good Shepherd, call me to enjoy Thy lasting presence on Thy
right hand!”

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

Tone 8 (*Aposticha Theotokion*)

[[Music on website](#)]

O unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all! //
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

✠ **TROPARIA**

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 6

[[Music on website](#)]

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell
not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. //
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

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

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 6

[[Music on website](#)]

Thou Who didst call Thy Mother blessed,
camest of Thine own will to the Passion.
For having shone on the Cross,
desiring to recall Adam,
Thou didst say to the Angels:
“Rejoice with me for the lost coin has been found.”
O Thou Who hast wisely ordered all things, //
O our God, glory to Thee!