

## Vespers texts for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021

✕ “LORD I CALL...”

**Tone 1**

[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 1 (For Saint Thomas Sunday)**

[Music on website]

The doors being shut and the Disciples assembled,  
Thou didst appear to them as almighty, O Jesus our God.  
Thou didst stand in their midst, giving them peace;  
Thou didst grant the Holy Spirit to them,  
commanding them to wait in Jerusalem  
until they would be clothed with the power from on high.  
Therefore we cry to Thee://  
“Our Illumination and Resurrection and Peace, glory to Thee!”

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

**Repeat:** The doors being shut ...

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

Eight days after Thy Resurrection, O Lord,  
Thou didst come to Thine Apostles  
proclaiming: “Peace be with you all!”  
To the doubting Disciple, Thou didst show Thy hands and side.  
He believed and cried to Thee://  
“My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!”

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

**Repeat:** Eight days after Thy Resurrection ...

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

Thomas, called the Twin, was not with the Disciples, O Christ,  
when Thou didst come to them through closed doors.  
Therefore he doubted their word.  
Thou didst not reject him for his faithlessness.  
When he saw Thy side and the wounds in Thy hands and feet,  
his faith was made certain.  
Having touched and seen,  
he confessed Thee to be truly God, not only man, //  
crying: “My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!”

*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.*

**Repeat:** Thomas, called the Twin ...

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

The Disciples were assembled on the eighth day,  
and the Saviour appeared to them.  
He gave them peace and said to Thomas:  
“Come, Apostle! Feel My hands, which were pierced by the nails!”  
Most wonderful doubt of Thomas!  
It brought the hearts of the faithful to knowledge.//  
And with fear he cried: “My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!”

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

**Repeat:** The Disciples were assembled ...

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



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✠ TROPARION

**Troparion of Saint Thomas Sunday in Tone 7**      [\[Music on website\]](#)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!  
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.  
Renew in us through them an upright spirit, //  
by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

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

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!  
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.  
Renew in us through them an upright spirit, //  
by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

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

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!  
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.  
Renew in us through them an upright spirit, //  
by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!