

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
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!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then:

STICHERA

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 6*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,  
since You are free among the dead,  
You ascended the Cross  
raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//  
Drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me, for You will 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 Savior almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, Who are in all creation?  
In heaven You dwell!  
In hell You trampled on death!  
In the depths of the sea?  
Even there is Your hand, O Master!  
To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://  
O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.  
We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.  
For You are our God,//  
and we know no other than You.

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

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

*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.*

Glory to Your might, O Lord,  
for You overthrew the prince of death,  
by Your Cross renewing us, //  
granting us life and incorruption.

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

**Tone 1** (for the Forefeast) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)

Virgins, bearing lamps to light the way for the ever-Virgin,  
truly prophesy in the Spirit that which is to come.  
For the Theotokos is the Temple of God, //  
and from infancy is led into the Temple in virginal glory.

*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!*

The glorious fruit of a holy promise,  
the Theotokos is truly shown to the world as exalted over all.  
As she is brought with reverence into the house of God,  
she fulfills the prayer of her parents, //  
being preserved by the Divine Spirit.

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

You were nourished by faith with heavenly bread, O Virgin,  
in the Temple of the Lord,  
and you brought forth for the world the Word, Who is the Bread of Life.  
As His chosen and immaculate Temple,  
you were betrothed mystically through the Spirit //  
to be the Bride of God the Father.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 4***

Today the Theotokos, the Temple that is to hold God,  
is brought into the Temple of the Lord,  
and Zachariah receives her.

Today the Holy of Holies is glad,  
and the choir of angels mystically keeps the feast.

With them let us celebrate the feast today,  
and with Gabriel let us cry aloud:

“Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, //  
He Who has great mercy!”

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 6***

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?  
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?  
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,  
but from you 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!

## **APOSTICHA**

**Tone 6** Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,  
the Angels in heaven sing!  
Enable us on earth //  
to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,  
breaking the chains of death,  
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God! //  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

*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 Savior!  
How do You deign to descend to death?  
What place can hold Your life bearing body?  
Come to us as You promised!  
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 befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!*

Having been crucified as You willed,  
by Your burial You captured 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; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** Come, all peoples,  
let us praise her who alone is without blemish,  
who was proclaimed by the prophets and now is offered in the Temple:  
the Mother foreordained before the ages,  
who in the last days has been shown forth as Theotokos.  
By her intercessions, O Lord,//  
grant us Your peace and great mercy!

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 6** The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead,//  
glory to You.

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

**Tone 4** Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow,  
by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin.  
In fulfillment of her vow,  
today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord//  
the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.