

Verses at “Lord, I call”

Wednesday of the sixth week of the Great Fast

In the fifth tone

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

I am rich in pas-sions; I am wrapped in the false robe of hy-po-cri-sy.

Lack-ing self-restraint, I delight in self-in-dul-gence. I show a

bound-less lack of love. I see my mind cast down before the gates of re-pen-tance,

starved of true goodness and sick with in-at-ten-tion. But make me like Lazarus,

who was poor in sin, lest I receive no an-swer when I pray,

no finger dipped in water to relieve my burning tongue;

and make me dwell in Abraham's bosom in Thy love for mankind.

9. The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Repeat: "I am rich in passions..."

For the Martyrs

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

With souls filled with boundless love, O holy martyrs, you endured terrible

sufferings without ever denying Christ, laying low the arrogance of

those who tortured you. By keeping the faith unshaken and whole,

you have been lifted up to heav - en, and now you have boldness

be - fore Him. En - treat Him to grant peace to the world

and to our souls great mer - cy.

By Joseph
In the same tone, to the special melody "Rejoice, O life-giving Cross"
(Optina Hermitage chant)

7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

When Je - sus was walk - ing in the flesh be - yond the riv - er

Jor - dan, He said to His com - pan - ions,

"My friend Laz - a - rus is already dead and bur - ied,

but I re - joice for your sake, — My friends. By his death you

will learn that I know all, for I am God,

e - ven though I appear by na - ture as a man. Let us go

and give life to him, so that death may truly know my

vic-tory and the total destruction

which I shall make of it, as I grant to the world

My great mercy."

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

Let us imitate Mary and Martha, O faithful:

let us of - fer divine deeds to the Lord as in - ter - ces - sors,

so that when He comes He may raise up our minds,

for now they lie dead and feel no fear of God.

They are de - prived of all vit - al en - er - gy,

un - a - ware of their own in - ac - tion.

Let us cry: "O Lord Who had com - pas - sion

on Thy friend Laz - a - rus, raising him up by Thy dread

presence and au - thor - it - y, so now give life to us all,

and grant to us Thy great mer - cy."

By Theodore
In the sixth tone

5. For Thy name's sake I have waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Now Lazarus has been in the tomb for two days, seeing the dead of all

the a - ges, beholding strange sights of ter - ror: countless multitudes

bound by the chains of hell. His sisters weep bitterly as they gaze at his tomb,

but Christ is coming to bring His friend to life, to implement in this one man

His plan for all. Blessed art Thou, O Savior! Have mer - cy on us.

Then four stichera from the Menaion. If the Menaion only gives three stichera, repeat the first.

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.
3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.
2. Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all peoples.
1. For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

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

Then the Theotokion from the Menaion.