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At Lord, I Have Cried:

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Stichos: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may confess Thy name.

By Thy Precious Cross didst Thou put the devil to shame, O Christ, / And by Thy Resurrection didst Thou break the sting of sin, / And hast saved us from the gates of death:/ We glorify Thee, the Only-Begotten One.

Stichos: The righteous shall wait patiently for me, until Thou shalt reward me.

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter; / Bestowing resurrection upon the human race, / And the princes of hades were afraid of Him / And the gates of weeping were seized; / For Christ, the King of glory, hath entered, / Saying to those in bonds: 'Come forth!' /

Stichos: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord, / O Lord, hear my voice.

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Great is the wonder! / The Immortal Creator of the invisible hosts,/ Suffering in the flesh in His love for mankind, hath risen! / Come, ye kindreds of the nations, let us worship Him; / For having been delivered from deception by His compassion, / We have learned to hymn the one God in three Hypostases.

Stichos: Let Thine ears be attentive, / to the voice of my supplication.

We offer evening worship,/ At the culmination of the ages, / To Thee, the never-waning Light, / Who shone forth upon the world in the flesh as in a mirror, / Who descended even unto hades and destroyed the darkness there / And showed the nations the light of the Resurrection. / O Lord, Bestower of light, glory be to Thee!

Stichos: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? / For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Let us glorify Christ, the Author of our salvation; / For when He rose from the dead, / The world was saved from deception; / The choir of angels rejoiced, / The beguilement of demons took flight, / Fallen Adam arose, / And the devil was set at naught.

Stichos: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, / My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

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The guardsmen were instructed by the iniquitous: / Keep secret the rising of Christ / Take the pieces of silver / And say that while we slept the dead man was stolen from the tomb. / Who hath ever seen or heard of a corpse, / And moreover one embalmed and naked, stolen, / And the grave clothes left behind in the tomb? / Be ye not deceived, O Jews! / Learn the sayings of the prophets, / And know that He is truly almighty, / The Deliverer of the world!

Stichos: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, / Let Israel hope in the Lord.

O Lord, our Saviour, / Who madest hades captive; / Trampled down death and enlightened the world by Thy Cross, / Have mercy upon us.

Stichos: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; / And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

The Holy Spirit indeed has been poured out on us who believe, * in accordance with what the Lord's * holy prophet Joel said, * when the Spirit inspired him. * Again, the Spirit reveals to us divine * and hidden mysteries. And they prophesy, * who have by grace divine * been illumined with the holy light of God * and who have received His uncreated energy

Stichos: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; / Praise Him all ye peoples.

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Wondrous prophet Joel, being full of words divinely inspired, * like a fountain is gushing forth * from Your holy house, O Lord, * and he waters our thirsty souls. * And he is dripping with sweetness from on high, * with which he sweetens our intellects and hearts. * When, through his virtuous * way of life, he floated high above the earth, * he was lifted up into Your holy heights, O God.

Stichos: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, / And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

Joel, with prophetic confidence you have in speaking to God, * as a spiritual intimate * who was given to behold * what there is to perceive on high, * implore the Master for us who faithfully * are celebrating your sacred memory, * to pardon all our sins * and bestow great mercy on our sorry souls * and allow us to partake of His divine delights.

Glory … Both now … Tone 5:

Dogmatic Theotokion, Tone 5:

Once, the image of the Bride who knoweth not wedlock was inscribed in the Red Sea. / There Moses was the parter of the waters,/ And here Gabriel is the minister of a miracle. / There Israel traversed the deep dryshod; / And now the Virgin giveth birth unto Christ without seed. / The sea remained impassable after Israel had crossed;/ And the immaculate one remaineth incorrupt after the birth of Emmanuel. / O God Who hast appeared as a man, / Who existest and hast existed from the beginning: / Have mercy upon us.

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Aposticha

Aposticha: Octoechos; G/N: Theotokion in the Octoechos. The Resurrection Aposticha, tone 5:

With sounds of hymnody do we magnify Thee, Christ the Saviour; /Who hath not been separated from the heavens, / For Thou didst accept the Cross and death for our race, /As the Lord Who loveth mankind. /Who hath overthrown the gates of hades, / and hath risen on the third day, /saving our souls.

Stichos: The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

When Thy side was pierced, O Bestower of life, / Thou didst pour forth torrents of life and salvation upon all;/ And Thou didst accept death, granting us immortality, / Making Thine abode in the tomb, Thou didst free us, / Gloriously raising us with Thyself, in that Thou art God; / Wherefore we cry out: / O Lord, Who lovest mankind, glory be to Thee!'

Stichos: For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken.

Wondrous is Thy crucifixion and Thy descent into hades, /O Thou Who lovest of mankind, / For having made it captive /And gloriously raised the ancient captives with Thyself,/As God, Thou didst open paradise /And didst count them worthy to receive it./ Wherefore, grant Thou remission of sins, /Unto us who glorify Thine arising on the third day,/ Vouchsafing us to become dwellers in paradise, /In that Thou alone art compassionate.
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Stichos: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

O Thou Who lovest mankind, /Who accepted suffering for our sake, / And rose from the dead on the third day, / Heal Thou the sufferings of our flesh, /Lift us up out of grievous transgressions, and save us.

Glory … Both now … Tone 5:

Theotokion: Thou art the temple and portal, / The palace and throne of the King, /O most honored Virgin, /Through whom Christ the Lord, my Deliverer, / Who is the Sun of Righteousness, /Hath revealed Himself unto them that sleep in darkness,/Desiring to enlighten that which He fashioned by His own hand in His image./Wherefore, O most hymned one, /As thou hast acquired maternal boldness before Him,/Entreat Him without ceasing, that our souls be saved.

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Troparion & Theotokian of the Day

Resurrectional troparion, tone 5:

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word/ Who is co-unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit,/and Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and to endure death, /and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Glory …

Troparion of the saint, Tone 2:

We celebrate the memory / of Your prophet Joel, O Lord; / through him we entreat You, / save our souls.

Both now ...

Theotokion, same tone:

Rejoice, impassible gate of the Lord! / Rejoice, rampart and protection of them that have recourse unto thee! / Rejoice, haven untouched by storms, / Thou that knowest not wedlock, / Who gavest birth in the flesh to thy Creator and God. / Fail not in thy supplications for them that hymn and worship thy Offspring.