Pentecostarion

Wednesday of the 4th Week

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

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1) Having destroyed death's dominion by Thine own death,

Thou by Thy most glorious Arising didst bestow

life on us mortals, in raising up the race of mankind

by Thy divine coming down to us, O Christ.

Wherefore, we sing unto Thee a hymn of thankful praise,

keeping a feast as we celebrate Thy Resurrection

which on the third day sprang forth ablaze with light;

whereof the middle of its hallowed days
hath now shined on us all with resplendent beams,

O Thou Life-giver, Jesus,
gracious Benefactor of our souls.

2) Before Thy venerable Cross and saving Passion,

Thou didst work the glories of Thy miracles for men;

and at the Mid-feast the Law prescribed, Almighty Christ God,

as it is written, Thou didst cry out to all:

Any man that thirsteth, let him freely come to Me

and let him draw forth the saving draught of divine water

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and streams of life; for to all, I give the pure water of life, of wisdom, and of Pow'r,

for the likeness of man, I myself assumed of Mine own will and counsel,
in My mercy as the Friend of man.

3) Seeing me palsied, O Christ, in all my members,
lying in the bed of pain of mine unnumbered crimes,
as Thou becamest man willingly, O great in mercy,
in the great gulf of Thy tender love for man:
like the paralytic in time past, so even now do Thou invisibly raise me up; prosper me also to run a right Thy commandments' godly paths,

Thou Who before Thy Passion madest clear to the Hebrews by many great miracles that, as God, Thou didst suffer in the flesh because Thou so didst will.