Psalm 140

Byzantine Tone 3

Basil Kazan (1915 - 2001)

O Lord, I have cried out unto thee.

Hear thou me, O Lord.

O Lord, I have cried out unto thee, hear me.

Give ear to the voice of my supplication, when I cry out unto thee.

Hear thou me, O Lord.

Let my pray'r be set forth before thee as
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Hear thou me, 0 Lord. Set a watch, 0 Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door about my lips.

Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins... ...with men that work iniquity, and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.

The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me, but let not the oil of the sinner a-
-noint my head, for my pray'r also shall
still be against the things with which they are well_
pleased. Their judges falling upon the rock
have been swallowed up. They shall hear my words for they are sweet. As when the thickness of the earth is broken up upon the
ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.

But to thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes. In thee have I put my trust. Take not away my soul. Keep me from the
snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the work - ers
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Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I alone escape. I cried unto the Lord with my voice. With my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint before him. I showed before him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.

I looked on my right hand and beheld, but there was
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no one that would know me. Refuge failed me. No one
cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord; I
said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the
living. Attend unto my cry, for I am
brought very low. Deliver me from my
persecutors, for they are stronger than I.
VERSE 1

Bring my soul out of prison that I may praise thy name.

STICHERON 1

O Christ Saviour, the might of death hath verily broken down under thy cross and the deceit of Diabolous hath ceased, and the race of man hath by faith escaped and been saved.

Therefore, praise is offered thee perpetually.

VERE 2

The righteous shall wait for me, until thou recompense me. The whole creation, O Lord God, hath been lighted by thy glorified resurrection.
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VERSE 3

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

STICHERON 3

I glorify the pow'r of the Father, magnify the pow'r of the Son, and praise the might of the Holy Spirit, one Godhead, indivisible, uncreate, consubstantial Trinity, reigning thru all eternity.

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VERSE 4

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my sup- pli-ca-tion. Thy glo- ri-fied cross, O Christ, do we wor- ship and thy res- ur-rec-tion do we praise and glo- ri fy, for by thy wounds we were all healed.

VERSE 5

If thou, O Lord, should'st mark in- quii-ties, O Lord, who shall stand, for with thee there is for-giveness. Let us praise the Sav- iour who was in- car-nate of the Vir- gin, for he was cruci-fied for our sake, and a-
VERSE 6

Because of thy name have I waited for thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon thy word. My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

STICHERON 6

Verily, Christ did descend to hades to bring good tidings to those there-in, saying: Have faith now, for I have conquered, for I am the resurrection, who unlocking the gates of death, shall set you free. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.
As we stand in thy holy house, we, thine unworthy servants, offer thee evening praise from the depths,

shouting, O Christ God, O thou who hast lighted the world with thy third-day resurrection, deliver thy people from the hands of thine enemies, O Lover of mankind.

Here end the first seven verses and resurrection stichera. When required, this is followed by verses eight, nine, ten and the three stichera for the saint of the day. When these are not sung, go directly to "Glory to the Father ......."
VERSE 8

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is abundant redemption and he will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Now sing the first sticheron for the saint, then Verse 9.

VERSE 9

Praise the Lord, all ye nations. Praise him all ye people.

Now sing the second sticheron for the saint, then Verse 10.

VERSE 10

For his mercy is great 'ward us, and the truth of the Lord endur eth for ever.

Now sing the third sticheron for the saint, then "Glory ....."