

## Aposticha – Tone 4

Verse 4

BY ASCENDING THE CROSS, O LORD, THOU HAST ANNULLED THE AN-CES-TRAL  
CURSE! BY DES-CEND-ING TO HELL, THOU HAST FREED THE ETERNAL PRI-SON-  
ERS, GRANTING INCORRUPTION TO THE HU-MAN RACE! THEREFORE IN SONGS  
WE GLORIFY THY LIFE-CREATING AND SAVING RE-SUR-REC-TION.

**Reader:** The Lord is King. He is robed in Majesty.

Verse 3

BY HANGING UPON THE TREE, O ONLY POW-ER-FUL LORD, THOU DIDST

SHAKE ALL OF CRE - A - TION! BY BE - ING LAID IN THE TOMB, THOU HAST

RAISED THOSE WHO DWELT IN THE TOMBS, GRANTING LIFE AND

INCORRUPTION TO THE HU - MAN RACE! THEREFORE IN SONGS WE GLORIFY

THY RISING ON THE THIRD DAY.

**Reader:** For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

Verse 2

THY LAW - LESS PEO - PLE, O CHRIST, HANDED THEE OVER TO PILATE

CONDEMNED TO BE CRU - CI - FIED BY PROV - ING THEM - SELVES

UNGRATEFUL BEFORE THEIR BE - NE - FAC - TOR! BUT VOLUNTARILY THOU DIDST

EN - DURE BU - RI - AL, RI - SING BY THINE OWN POWER ON THE

THIRD DAY AS GOD, GRANTING US LIFE EVERLASTING AND GREAT

MER - CY.

**Reader:** Holiness befits Thy House, O Lord, forevermore.

Verse 1

WITH TEARS THE WO - MEN REACHED THY TOMB, SEARCHING FOR THEE, BUT

NOT FIND - ING THEE, THEY WEPT WITH WAILING AND LA - MENT - ED:

WOE TO US! OUR SA - VIOR KING OF ALL, HOW WAST THOU STOLEN?

WHAT PLACE CAN HOLD THY LIFE - BEARING BO - DY? AN ANGEL

RE - PLIED TO THEM, DO NOT WEEP BUT GO AND PROCLAIM THAT THE

LORD IS RI - SEN, GRANTING US JOY AS THE ON - LY

COM - PAS - SION - ATE ONE.

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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**Reader:** Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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