

VESPERS SUNG ON SATURDAY 6th JULY 2024

✠ “LORD, I CALL ...”

Tone 1

[Music on website]

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me.
Hear me, O Lord.
Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me.
Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon Thee.//
Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise
in Thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice.//
Hear me, O Lord.

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

Tone 1

[Music on website]

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord!
Grant us remission of sins,//
for Thou alone hast manifested the Resurrection to the world.

The righteous await me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Encircle Zion

[Music on website]

and surround her, O people!
Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead!
For He is our God,//
Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

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

Come, O people,

[Music on website]

let us hymn and fall down before Christ,
glorifying His Resurrection from the dead!
For He is our God,//
Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Be glad, O heavens!

[Music on website]

Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth!
Sing in gladness, O mountains!
Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross!
Granting life, He has slain death.//
He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of man.

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

Tone 1

O come, all ye faithful,
now let us praise the saints of the Isles,
the venerable monastics, the holy bishops,
the right-believing princes,
all the martyrs and the company of holy women,
those known by name and those unknown,
for truly by their words and deeds
and manifold ways of life and gifts of God, they became saints;
and God made glorious even their graves with wonders.
And now, standing before Christ Who hath glorified them,
they pray fervently for us//
who celebrate the splendour of their feast with love.

For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy Word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Tone 2

With what beauty of hymn shall we praise the divinely wise of the Isles,
the splendour and adornment of the Church of Christ,
the crown of the priesthood, the rule of piety,
the never-drying wellsprings of divine healing,
the outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit,
the streams of manifold wonders which gladden the Isles and all those
who seek God.//
For whose sake the All-Merciful Christ hath cast down the uprisings of
the enemy.

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 8

Let the earth make glad and the heavens rejoice,
in praising your toils and struggles,
your spiritual courage and purity of mind, O venerable ones,
for ye were not overcome by the laws of nature.
O holy company and divine assembly, //
ye are truly the strength of our Isles.

*For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption,
and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

O blessed kings and queens,
divinely-wise princes and princesses,
who shine forth with Orthodox loving-kindness
and are resplendent with virtues:
Ye enlighten all the faithful,
driving away the darkness of the demons.
Wherefore we honour you as partakers of never-fading grace
and unashamed preservers of your inheritance, //
O right wondrous ones.

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

O all-blessed martyrs of Christ,
ye gave yourselves up to voluntary sacrifice
and have hallowed the Isles with your blood,
bringing splendour even to the skies by your repose;
and now ye dwell in the heavens amid the light that never setteth, //
ever praying on our behalf, O seers of God.

*For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endureth
forever.*

With your virtues ye have enlightened the hearts of the faithful,
O ye righteous who have shone forth in the Isles.
For who can hear of your boundless humility and forbearance and
not marvel?
Ye foreknew the needs of all, O right-wondrous ones.
Ye were models of meekness and guilelessness for all,
of pity for the grieving, of swift help for those in misfortune,

untroubled havens for those at sea and good speed for those on land.
And now as ye have been crowned with unfading wreaths by the hand of
Almighty God, //
do ye beseech Him that our souls may be saved.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 5

Rejoice, O faithful Church of the Isles!
Rejoice, O First-Martyrs Alban, Julius and Aaron!
Rejoice, O Ninian, Apostle of the North!
Rejoice O divine Patrick come to the Irish land with the Gospel of Christ!
Rejoice, O David, Enlightener of the West!
Rejoice, O Columba, light of the Scots!
Rejoice, O Gregory who with thy disciple Augustine, saw not Angles but
Angels!

For ye all were our first intercessors with the Maker of all,
bringers of the Orthodox Faith and guides to the True Light!
Rejoice, from every hamlet and town,
nurtured by those who now dwell in heaven!
These saints have been shown to be guiding lights for our souls!
With the brightness of signs and deeds,
they have shone forth most mystically unto all the ends of the earth //
and now they beseech Christ for the salvation of our souls!

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 1 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

[[Music on website](#)]

Let us praise the Virgin Mary!
The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!
The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!
She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!
She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead!
She destroyed the wall of enmity!
She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!
Since she is our foundation of faith,
our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!
Courage! Courage! O People of God!
For Christ will destroy our enemies //
since He is all powerful.

✠ READINGS

The Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah [43:9-14]

Thus saith the Lord: Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside Me there is no Saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shown, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am He; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand: I will work, and who shall let it? Thus saith the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon [3:1-9]

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: And their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: But they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: For God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever. They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: And such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: For grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for his elect.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon [5:15-6:3]

The righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a

glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with His right hand shall He cover them, and with His arm shall He protect them. He shall take to Him His jealousy for complete armour, and make the creature His weapon for the revenge of His enemies. He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate, and true judgment instead of a helmet. He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. His severe wrath shall He sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with Him against the unwise. Then shall the right aiming thunderbolts go abroad; and from the clouds, as from a well-drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark. And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast as out of a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them. Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away: thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty. Hear, therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations. For power is given you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Most High.

✠ APOSTICHA

Tone 1

[[Music on website](#)]

We have been freed from sufferings
by Thy suffering, O Christ.
We have been delivered from corruption
by Thy Resurrection.//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Let creation rejoice!
Let the heavens be glad!
Let the nations clap their hands with gladness,
for Christ our Saviour has nailed our sins to the Cross.
Slaying death, He has given life.//
He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of man.

[[Music on website](#)]

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

As King of heaven and earth, [\[Music on website\]](#)
Thou wast voluntarily crucified in Thy love for man.
Hell was angered when it met Thee below.
Adam rose seeing Thee, the Creator, under the earth.
O wonder! How has the Life of all tasted death?
Thou didst enlighten the world which cries://
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

v. Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Thy tomb, [\[Music on website\]](#)
bearing myrrh and lamenting.
Not finding Thy most pure body,
they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder.
They told the Apostles://
“The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4

Celebrating the season of the commemoration of our holy kinsfolk,
let us call them blessed as is meet,
for they have truly passed through all the Beatitudes of the Lord:
made poor, they have become rich in spirit;
being meek, they have inherited the kingdom of the meek;
having wept, they have been comforted;
having thirsted after righteousness, they have been filled;
having had mercy on others, they have found mercy for themselves;
pure in heart, they have seen God as far as such is possible;
peace-makers, they have been counted worthy to be adopted as
children of God;
persecuted and tormented for piety and righteousness' sake, they now
rejoice and make glad in Heaven;
and they earnestly beseech the Lord that He will have mercy on
our souls.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5

Let us sound a hymn on the trumpet
and praise with one accord the Protectress of these Isles,
our Queen, the Theotokos:
Rejoice, O thou who from ages past
hast crowned us with thy goodness and grace!
Wherefore the Church of the Isles doth celebrate with splendour
as is meet
thine all-honoured protecting veil
and the memory of thy miracles.
Take not thy mercy away from us, O Mother,
but look down upon our adversities and afflictions
and raise us up once more,//
making us to be thy Dowry as of old.

✠ TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 1

[\[Music on website\]](#)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Troparion of All Saints of Britain in Tone 8

[\[Music on website\]](#)

From the ends of the earth, O Lord,
the Isles of the Sea offer Thee all the Saints
who have shone forth therein as the fair fruit of Thy saving splendour.
Through their supplications and through the Theotokos
preserve Thy Church and Thine Isles in peace profound
O most Merciful One.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion - Tone 8

[\[Music on website\]](#)

For our sakes Thou wast born of a virgin,
and didst endure crucifixion, O good one,
and didst destroy Death by death,
and being God didst reveal the Resurrection.
Despise not the works of Thy hands
but show Thy love for man, O merciful one.
Accept the prayers of the one who gave birth to Thee
and save Thy despairing people, O our Saviour.