

TRIODION HYMNS FOR HOME USE AT MIDNIGHT OFFICE WEEK 3 OF FAST

tone 6

I think of the fearful day and lament mine evil deeds.
What answer shall I give to the immortal King?
And how shall I, prodigal, have the boldness to look upon the Judge?
Have mercy upon me, O Thou compassionate Father,
Thou only-begotten Son,
and Thou, O Holy Spirit.

When Thou, O Merciful One, shalt sit in righteous judgment,
in the valley of tears, in the place devised by Thee,
make not public my secret acts:
put me not to shame before the angels:
but spare me and have mercy upon me, O God.

Hope and protection and haven of those who run to thee,
O gentle Virgin who hast brought forth God,
thou intercessor for the world;
do thou, who alone art blest, join with the bodiless powers
and earnestly pray to the God whom thou hast borne
and who lovest mankind,
for Him to deliver our souls from all that threatens them.

tone 8

With fire of abstinence let us all burn up the thorns of the passions that assault us,
and with the streams of our tears let us put out the flame that never shall be quenched;
and let us cry aloud to Him who shall come to judge the whole earth:
O Savior and all-merciful Lord,
guard us uncondemned and grant us the forgiveness of our sins.

tone 1

Let us cleanse ourselves by fasting and by prayer,
and serve God through acts of mercy to the poor.
Let us lament and groan with fervent tears,
while we still have time for conversion,
that we may be delivered from everlasting lamentation in the flames of hell.
And let us give glory to Christ who has ordained repentance for all mortal men,
calling upon them to turn back in righteousness.

Glory... tone 4

Clothed in the filthy garment of my sins,
I am cast out from the bridal chamber of joy;
but in Thine ineffable compassion, O God, take pity on me,
as Thou hast taken pity on the Prodigal Son,
and be merciful to me.

Now and ever...tone 8 *Theotokion*

O pure and blessed Virgin, full of the grace of God,
together with the powers above and the archangels and all the spiritual hosts,
do thou pray without ceasing
to Him who in His tender compassion was born of thee.
May He grant to us before the end
pardon and forgiveness of our sins and amendment of our lives
that so we may find mercy.