

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Optina Hermitage Melody
Tone 5, Pattern melody: "Rejoice"
arr. G. Ealy & V. Morosan

Sticheron 1

Soprano Alto

(A) Shine, O — Cross of the Lord! (B) Il - lu - mine the

Tenor Bass

hearts of those who hon - or you (C) With love in -

(D) spired — by God, we em - brace you, for you are the only

(A) hope — of the — world. Through you our tears are wiped — a -

(B) way, the snares of death are sprung, and we pass over into ev - er -

[... last-ing joy.]

last - ing joy. Through the Cross reveal Your beauty to

us, O Lord! Help Your ser - vants who ask for mer -

cy in - faith! // Bestow upon us the fruits of ab - sti-nence!

Sticheron 2

Re-joyce, O life - bear-ing Cross: bright par - a - dise

of the Church, and tree of in - cor - rup - - - tion!

C
D

You have ob - tained — for us the joy of ev - er -

A

last - ing glo - ry. Through you, the hosts of

B

de-mons are driv - en out; the choirs of An - gels are

C

a-mazed — and re-joice; the com - pa - ny of the faithful

D

gathers in cel - e - bra - tion. O un - con - quer - a - ble

weapon, unbroken stronghold, triumph of Orthodox Christians and

pride of priests, // by following you may we witness the

Passion and Resur - rec - tion of Christ our God!

Sticheron 3

Re - joice, O life - bear - ing Cross: in - vin - ci - ble

tri-umph of god - li - ness, gate of Par - a - dise,

[... and protection of the faithful.]

(D) and pro-tec - tion of the faith - ful! (A) The Cross is the might

(B) of the Church, through which cor-rup-tion is a - bol - ished,

(C) through which the pow-er of death — is crushed, and we are raised from (D)

(A) earth to heav - en. O In-vin - ci-ble weap - on,

(B) the ad - ver-sar - y of de - mons, (C) the glo - ry of

[...the martyrs, the true adornment]

martyrs, the true adornment of ven' - ra-ble saints, and the ha - ven of sal-

va - tion, which grants the world great mer - cy.

Sticheron 4

Come, O Ad - am and Eve, our first fa - ther and

moth - er, who fell from di - vine glo - ry

through the en - vy of the mur - der - er of man! Bit - ter

[... was the pleasure]

(B)

was the pleasure of the Tree of old; but see, the hon-ored

(C)

Tree of the Cross draws near! Run with haste and em -

(D) (A)

brace it in joy, cry - ing out with faith: "You are our help,

(B)

O most-precious Cross! We eat of your fruit and gain in - cor -

(C)

rup - - - tion! We are re - stored a - gain to

