Bring my soul out of prison that I may confess Thy Name.

Come, let us worship God the Word, Who was begotten of the Father before the ages, and was incarnate of the Virgin Mary; for having endured the Cross, He was delivered over to burial, as He willed; and arising from the dead, He saved
me, the erring man.

Verse #2

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.

Stichera #2

Having nailed to the Cross the handwriting that was against us, Christ our Saviour hath blotted it out, and hath destroyed the dominion of death. We worship

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His arising on the third day.

Verse #3

"Εκ βαθέων

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

Stichera #3

"Σῦν Ἀρχαγγέλους

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ; for He is the Redeemer and Saviour of our souls. And in awesome glory and mighty power
er, He cometh again to judge the world which He fashioned.

Verse #4

Γενηθήτω τὰ ὅτα σου

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

Stichera #4

Σὲ τὸν σταυρωθέντα

Thee, the Crucified and Buried, did the Angel proclaim as Master; and he said unto the woman:

Come, behold where the Lord lay, for as the Al-mighty
He is risen as He said. Wherefore, we worship Thee,

Who alone art immortal. O Life-giving Christ, have mercy on us.

Verse #5

If Thou should-est mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Stichera #5

By Thy Cross, Thou didst abolish the curse of the tree;
by Thy burial, Thou hast slain the might of death; and by

Thine arising, Thou hast enlightened the race of man.

Wherefore, we cry out to Thee: O Benefactor, Christ our God,

glory be to Thee.

Verse #6

"Ενεκεν τοῦ ὄνοματός σου

For Thy Name's sake have I patiently wait-ed for Thee, O Lord; my

soul hath wait-ed patiently for Thy word, my soul hath

hoped in the Lord.
Out of fear, the gates of death opened unto Thee, O Lord;

and on beholding Thee, the gate-keepers of Hades trembled; for Thou didst crush the brazen gates, and didst break the iron bars. And Thou didst lead us out of darkness and the shadow of death, and didst break our bonds asunder.

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch
let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Stichera #7

Chanting the hymn of salvation, with our mouths let us sing: Come ye all, let us fall prostrate in the House of the Lord, saying: Thou Who wast crucified upon the Tree, and didst arise from the dead, and art in the bosom of the Father, be gracious unto our sins.
For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

The shadow of the Law is passed away with the com -
The value of prayer can be inferred from the way the demons attack us during services in church.

-St. John of the Ladder