Brief Stichera

Plagal First Mode

Verse #1

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

Stichera #1

By Thy precious Cross, O Christ, Thou hast put the devil to shame; and by Thy Resurrection, Thou hast blunted the sting of sin; and Thou hast saved us from the gates of death.

We glorify Thee, O Only-begotten One.
Verse #2

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

Stichera #2

He that granted the Resurrection unto the race of man was led as a sheep to slaughter; the princes of Hades were terrified of Him, and the grievous gates were lifted up; for Christ, the King of Glory, hath entered, saying to those in bonds: Go forth; and to those in dark -
Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord,
hear my voice.

O great wonder! having suffered in the flesh out of love for man, the Creator of things invisible,
the Immortal One, hath risen. Come, O ye kindreds
of the na - tions, let us wor - ship Him; for de - liv - ered from
er - ror by His com - pas - sion, we have learned to praise the
one__ God in three Hy - pos - ta - ses.

Verse #4

Let Thine ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my sup - pli - ca - tion.

Stichera #4

Eve - ning wor - ship do we of - fer Thee, the Un - wan - ing Light,
Who in the end of the ag - es, through the flesh as in a
mirror, hast shined upon the world; and hast descended even unto Hades, and dispelled the darkness there, and hast shown the light of the Resurrection unto the nations. O Giver of light, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Verse #5

Ειν ανομίας

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

For with Thee there is forgiveness.
Let us glorify Christ, the Author of our salvation;

for when He arose from the dead, the world was saved from error. The choir of the Angels rejoiceth;

the deception of the demons doth flee; Adam, who was fallen, is risen; the devil is destroyed.

Verse #6

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

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soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

**Stichera #6**

The guards were instructed by the lawless: Conceal the Resurrection of Christ; and take ye pieces of silver, and say: While we were sleeping, the corpse was stolen from the tomb. Who hath seen, who hath ever heard of a corpse being stolen? especially

[Music notation]
one anointed with myrrh and naked, with the funeral shrouds being abandoned in the grave. Be not deceived.

O ye Jews. Learn the sayings of the Prophets, and know that He is truly the Redeemer of the world and the Almighty One.

Verse #7

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.
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O Lord, Who hast de-spoiled Ha-des and hast tram-pled
up-on death; O our Sav-ior, Who hast en-light-ened the
world by Thy pre-cious Cross; have mer-cy on us.

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Verse #8
"Ότι παρά τῷ Κυρίῳ
For with the Lord there is mer-cy, and with Him is plen-te-ous re-
demp-tion; and He shall re-deem Is-ra-el out of all__
his in-iqui-ties.
Verse #9

Aiveite ton Kyrion

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

Verse #10

"Oti ekrateiwshe

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

Glory...

Doxa Patri

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

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Both now...

Both now and ev'ry, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

In the Red Sea there was once depicted an image of the unwedded Bride. There, Moses divided the water; here, Gabriel doth minister the wonder. Then the deep was trodden dry-shod by Israel.
now Christ is born seedlessly of the Virgin. The sea, after the passage of Israel, remained untrodden; the blameless one, after the birth of Emmanuel, remained undefiled. O Thou Who art, and ever before didst exist, and hast appeared as man, O God: have mercy on us.

Let the servant of God sing in such a manner that the words of the text rather than the voice of the singer cause delight.

-St. Jerome