

Venerable Father Procopius the Decapolite
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 4 - Kievan

For 4 Menaion stichera, begin here:

(4) *Reader:* In the 4th Tone— From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

II-chant melody

I-descant

Let — Is - ra - el hope — in the Lord.

See below: "With most pious thought..."

For 3 Menaion stichera, begin here:

(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - iq - - - ui - ties.

With most p̄ious thought, /
with purity and h̄oliness of mind, /
by restr̄aining the pass̄ions, /
and by observ̄ing the commandments of Christ and p̄iety, /
O most b̄lessed one who art most rich, /
thou didst strive to preserve the dignity of the im̄age /
which was in the beḡinning, //
fashioned according to the image and lik̄eness of God.

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ——— ye peo - - - - - ples.

Having first undertaken ascetic endeavor, /
 and followed it afterwards with suffering /
 in divinely wise manner, /
 thou wast in both well pleasing unto the Creator, /
 Who alone requireth of us purity and nobility of soul. /
 And glorifying His advent in the flesh, /
 thou didst venerate the holy image of His divine manhood.

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a - bi - deth for ev - - - - er.

Denouncing those who wickedly rejected /
 the incarnation of the Word, O venerable one, /
thou didst perfect the truth, /
 upholding it by enduring wounds and all manner of afflictions, /
 by thy fetters and imprisonment; /
 wherefore, thou becamest an heir /
 to the kingdom of Christ, //
 to ineffable joy and everlasting radiance.

Reader: Glory, both now in the same tone.

Glory... Both now and ever, and unto the a - ges of a - - - ges. A-men.

As thou makest untiring supplication and ceaseless entreaty /
 before God, O all-pure one, /
 quell thou the temptations and still the waves of my wretched soul; /
 calm my heart, which is afflicted, /
 I beseech thee, O Maiden, /
 and bring grace to my mind, that I may glorify thee as is meet.

Or when appointed, this Stavrotheotokion, in the same tone—

As she beheld Thee, the Lamb and Shepherd, upon the Tree, /
 the ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented /
 and exclaimed to Thee maternally: /
 "O most desired and long-suffering Son, /
 how is it that Thou art suspended upon the Tree of the Cross? /
 How is it that thy hands and feet have been pierced with nails /
 by the iniquitous, O Word? //
 How is it that Thou hast shed Thy blood, O Master?"