Lenten Vespers on Sunday Evening
Stichera of Repentance, Tone 5
Kievan

(10) Reader: Bring my soul out of prison

That I may confess Thy name.

I cease not from sin, O Lord, nor do I perceive the love Thou show-est me.

Vanquish my blindness, for Thou alone art good,

and have mercy upon me.
(9) Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me

Un - til Thou shalt re - ward me.

O Lord, from fear of Thee I trem - ble, yet I cease not from do - ing evil.

When called to trial, who does not fear the judge?

What man, desiring to be healed, angers the phy - si - cian as I do?

Take pity on my weakness, O forebearing Lord, and have mer - cy upon me.

Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me.
(8) Reader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

O Lord hear my voice.

Woe is me, for I am like the barren fig tree, and I fear

that I also shall be cursed and cut down. But heavenly Husband-man,

Christ my God, make my dry and barren soul bear fruit.

Receive me as the Prodigal Son, and have mercy upon me.
(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplication.

O Lord born of the Virgin, pass over my manifold transgressions

and wipe out all my sins. Grant me the firm intent

to turn back unto Thee, for Thou alone lovest mankind,

and have mercy upon me.

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