

'Lord I Call' - St Mary of Egypt

Reader (4): From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Reader (3): For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 6

Obikhod

Thou wast standing before the doors of the Church, polluted with
evil and unable to en - ter. Accused by thine own conscience,
O wise one of God, thou wast converted to a bet - ter way
of life. Looking upon the icon of the bless - ed Moth - er of God,
thou didst condemn all thy past sins, O Mother Mar - y,
and didst go to bow before the pre - cious Cross.

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Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Tone 6

Obikhod

Having worshipped at the holy places with great joy, thou didst
receive saving grace for thy journey of vir - tue. Thou didst set
out in haste to follow the nar - row path, crossing the river Jor - dan,
and going to live where the Bap - tist had dwelt. Through self - denial
thou didst tame the savagery of the pas - sions, and through violence thou
didst break the re - bel - lion of thy flesh, taking the Kingdom of God by force.

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Reader (1): For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Tone 6

Obikhod

Thou didst live alone in the wil - der - ness, and as thou
didst erase the images of sin from thy soul, God marked it with
the imprint of ho - li - ness. Filled with the spirit, O Blessed Moth - er,
thou didst walk on the surface of the wa - ters; by thy prayers
thou didst ascend from earth to heav - en. Since thou standest before
Christ, O glorious Mar - y, entreat Him with boldness to save our souls!

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Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 4

Obikhod

The power of thy Cross has worked a wonder, O Christ.

Through it a harlot became a champion of the ascetic life.

She cast aside her weakness and bravely fought the devil,

and having won the prize of victory,

she ceaselessly prays for our souls.