

'Lord I Call' - Annunciation Forefeast

March 24

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 4

Obikhod

The mystery hidden from all e-ter-ni-ty, unknown even by the An-gels,
is now en-trust-ed to the Archangel Ga-bri-el.
He will come to thee, O precious ves-sel; he will sa-lute
thee and cry in joy: "Rejoice, pure dove! Rejoice, all-ho-ly one!
Make ready by thy word to conceive the Word of God!"

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

Tone 4

Obikhod

The palace of light is ready for Thee, O Mas - ter,
the womb of the undefiled child of God.
Come down to her; come to visit Thy fal - len world,
which is held in bitter slavery to the jealous En - e - my! Many ages
have passed since its beau - ty was de - stroyed. Make haste to
descend to earth, O Lord! Come to deliver us from the way of death!

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

Tone 4

Obikhod

Gabriel the Archangel comes to thee, O all-blameless one;

he will greet thee, crying with joy: "Rejoice, deliverance from

condemnation! Rejoice, chosen vessel made perfect for God!

Rejoice, life-bearing dawn of the endless day! The Lord Whom

the heavens cannot contain is pleased to dwell in thee!"

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

Tone 2

Obikhod

Today Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is full of grace:

"Rejoice, unwedded Maid - en! Be not struck with dismay by

my strange form, nor be a - fraid! I am an Arch - an - gel.

Once the serpent be - guiled Eve, but now I announce

to thee the good tidings of joy, O most pure one.

Thou shalt remain inviolate and yet shall bear the Lord."