

# Aposticha: Tone 4

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Having ascended the **Cross**, O Lord, Thou didst destroy the *ances*-tral curse;

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and *de-scend*-ing in-to hades Thou didst free the pris-on-ers of

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a - ges past, grant-ing incorruption to *the hu* - man race.

5 6 - end

Where-fore **chant** - ing, we glorify Thy life - crea - ting

and sav - ing Res - ur - **rec** - tion. The Lord is King,

He is clothed with maj - es - ty.

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Sus-pended on the Tree, O Thou Who alone art pow - er - ful,

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Thou didst shake all cre - a - tion; and laid in the tomb, Thou didst

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raise up *those* who **lived** in the graves, grant-ing incorruption and life

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to *the* hu - man race. Where-fore, chant - ing,

6 - end

We glorify Thine arising on the **third** day. For He hath estab-lished

the world which shall not be shak - en.

<sup>1</sup> In-iquitous men, having given Thee over to **Pi** - late, O Christ,

<sup>2</sup> con-demned Thee to *be* **cru**-ci-fied, <sup>3</sup> **show**-ing them-selves ungrateful for

<sup>4</sup> Thy *ben* - e - **fac**-tions. And of Thine own will Thou didst en - dure

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bur - i - al and didst rise of Thine own accord, as God,

6 - end

on the **third** day, grant - ing us never - ending life

and great **mer** - cy. Ho - liness becometh Thy house, O Lord,

un - to length of days.

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The women, arriving at the tomb in tears, **sought** Thee; and finding Thee not,

they said, lamenting and crying out *with weep - ing*; "Woe to us,

O our Sav-ior, Thou **King** of all! How is it that Thou hast *been sto - len*?

What place holdeth Thy life-bear-ing **Bod - y**?" And an *an - gel*

*an - swered* them: "Weep not," he said, "but, going forth, proclaim that the Lord

*hath ris - en*, grant-ing us joy, in that He alone is **com-pas-sion-ate**!"