

## *Paschal Vespers Lord I Call*

*Reader: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? For with You is forgiveness, that You might be revered.*

**People:** *Tone 2*

Come, let us worship the Word of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all ages,  
And incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
Having endured the Cross,  
He was buried as He Himself desired, //  
And having risen from the dead He saved me, an erring  
man.

*Reader: For Your Name's sake I waited for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for the Lord, my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

**People:**

Christ our Saviour,  
Nailed to the Cross the bond against us.  
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death. //  
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

*Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.*

**People:**

With the archangels  
Let us praise the resurrection of Christ!  
He is our Saviour, our Redeemer!  
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power/  
To judge the world which He made!

*Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel out of all his iniquities.*

**People:**

The angel proclaimed You  
The crucified and buried Master  
He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!  
He is risen as He said  
For He is Almighty."  
We worship You, O only Immortal One. //  
Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life.

*Reader: Praise the Lord all you nations. Praise Him all you peoples.*

**People:**

By Your Cross, You destroyed the curse of the tree.  
By Your burial You slew the dominion of death.  
By Your rising, You enlightened the race of man. //  
O our Benefactor, Christ our God glory to You!

*Reader: For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

**People:**

The gates of death opened to You from fear, O Lord,  
When the guards of Hades saw You they were afraid,  
For You demolished the gates of brass and smashed the  
iron chains//  
You have led us from the darkness and the shadows of  
death and have broken our bonds.

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

**People:**

Let us come and worship in the house of the Lord,  
Singing the hymn of salvation.

Cleanse our sins, O You, Who were crucified and raised  
from the dead //

And are in the bosom of the Father.

*Reader: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**People:**

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came!

As the bush burned, yet was not consumed.

So the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a virgin!

The righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame!

Instead of Moses, Christ the salvation of our souls!

**People:** *sing "O Gladsome Light"*