

The Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem
Palm Sunday

VESPERS:

- P. Regular Beginning
C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 6)

Stichera from the Triodion

- 1/2 Today the grace of the Holy **Spirit**/ has gathered us **together**,/ and we all take up Thy **Cross** and say:/ Blessed is He that comes in the **Name** of the Lord;// Hosanna in the **highest**.
- 3/4 Today the Word and co-eternal Son of God the **Father**,/ Whose throne is the heaven and Whose **footstool** is the earth,/ humbles Himself and comes to **Bethany**,/ seated on a dumb beast, **on** a foal./ Then the children of the Hebrews, holding **branches** in their hands,/ praise Him saying: 'Hosanna in the **highest**::/ Blessed is He that comes, the King of **Israel**.'
- 5/6 Let us also **come** today,/ all the new Israel, the Church of the **Gentiles**,/ and let us cry with the Prophet Zechariah:/ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of **Zion**::/ shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem;/ for behold, thy King comes **unto** thee:/ He is meek and brings salvation,/ and He rides upon the colt of an ass, the foal of a beast of **burden**./ Keep the feast with the children, and holding **branches** in your hands/ sing His praises: Hosanna to the **highest**::/ blessed is He that comes, the King of **Israel**.
- 7/8 Prefiguring for us Thy holy Resurrection, **loving** Lord,/ by Thy command Thou hast raised up from death Lazarus **Thy** friend,/ who was without the **breath** of life;/ and after four days in the tomb he had **begun** to stink./ Then, O Saviour, mounted on a foal, and as though riding in a **chariot**,/ Thou hast given a sign unto the **Gentiles**./ Therefore also Israel Thy **beloved**/ offers Thee praise out of the mouth of innocent babes and **sucklings**::/ as they behold Thee, Christ, enter the Holy City six days before the **Passover**.
- 9/10 Six days before the Passover Jesus entered **Bethany**,/ and His disciples came to Him, **saying**:/ 'Lord, where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the **Passover**?'/ Then He sent them, **saying**:/ 'Go into the village **opposite**,/ and ye shall find a man bearing a pitcher of **water**;/ follow him, and tell the **master** of the house:/ The Teacher says, In thy house shall I eat the **Passover**// with My **disciples**.'

Glory... Today the grace of the Holy **Spirit**/ has gathered us **together**,/ and we all take up Thy **Cross** and say:/ Blessed is He that comes in the **Name** of the Lord;// Hosanna in the **highest**.

Both... Today the grace of the Holy **Spirit**/ has gathered us **together**,/ and we all take up Thy **Cross** and say:/ Blessed is He that comes in the **Name** of the Lord;// Hosanna in the **highest**.

P. Wisdom. Aright!
C. O Joyful Light...
P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...

P. Wisdom! Readings:
Genesis 49: 1-2, 8-12
Zephaniah 3: 14-19
Zechariah 9: 9-15

P. Augmented Litany
R. Vouchsafe...
P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

C. Litya: (Tone 1)

The All-Holy **Spirit**,/ Who taught the apostles to speak in strange and **diff**'rent tongues,/ now **inspires** the innocent children of the Hebrews to **cry** aloud:/ Hosanna in the **highest**;// blessed is He that comes, the King of **Israel**.

The **Son** and Word of the **Father**,/ like Him without beginning and **eternal**,/ has **come** today to the city of Jerusalem,/ seated on a dumb beast, **on** a foal./ From **fear** the cherubim dare not gaze **upon** Him;// yet the children honour Him with palms and **branches**,/ and **mystically** they sing a **hymn** of praise:/ 'Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the Son of **David**,// Who has come to save from error **all** mankind.'

Six **days** before the **Passover**, O Lord,/ Thy voice was heard in the **depths** of hell,/ and **from** it Thou hast raised up Lazarus who was **four** days dead./ Then the children of the Hebrews **cried** aloud:// 'Hosanna to our God: **Glory** to Thee!'

(Tone 2)

Entering, O Lord, into the Holy City, seated **upon** a foal,/ Thou hast drawn near with haste unto Thy **Passion**,/ to **fulfill** the Law and the **Prophets**./ Then the children of the Hebrews, foretelling the victory of the **Resurrection**,/ came to meet Thee with palms and branches, **saying**:// 'Blessed art Thou, O Saviour; have mercy **upon** us.'

Glory be to **Thee**, O Christ,/ Who art seated in the heights **upon** Thy throne,/ and **Whom** we now await with Thy **precious** Cross./ Therefore the daughter of **Zion** is glad,/ and the nations of the earth rejoice **exceedingly**./ The children hold branches and the disciples spread their **garments** in the way;/ and all the inhabited earth is taught to cry **aloud** to Thee:// Blessed art Thou, O Saviour; have mercy **upon** us.

G/B... (Tone 3)

Six **days** before the **Passover** Jesus came to **Bethany**,/ to **call** back Lazarus who was **four** days dead,/ and to **proclaim** the coming **Resurrection**./

The **women** Martha and Mary, sisters of **Lazarus**,/ **came** to meet Him, crying:
 'Lord, if Thou hadst been here, our brother **had** not died.'/ Then He
answered them: 'Did I not **say** to you before:/ **He** who believes in Me,
 though he were dead, yet **shall** he live?/ **Show** Me where ye have **laid** him.'//
 And the Maker of all cried unto him, '**Lazarus**, come forth.'

P. *Litya Prayers in back of Church*

APOSTICHA: (Tone 8)

1. **Rejoice** and be glad, O city of **Zion**;/ exult and be exceeding joyful, O
Church of God./ For behold, thy King has come in righteousness, **seated**
 on a foal,/ and the children sing His **praises**:/ Hosanna in the
 highest! Blessed art Thou Who showest great **compassion**:// Have mercy
upon us.

V. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou appointed
 praise.

2. The **Saviour** has come today to the city of Jerusalem,/ to fulfill the
Scriptures;/ and all have taken palms into their hands and spread their
 garments **before** Him,/ knowing that He is our God, to Whom the cherubim
 sing without **ceasing**:/ Hosanna in the highest! Blessed art Thou Who
 showest great **compassion**:// Have mercy **upon** us.

V. O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy Name in all the earth.

3. O **Thou** Who ridest on the cherubim and art praised by the **seraphim**,/
 Thou hast sat, O gracious Lord, like **David** on a foal,/ and the children
 honoured Thee with praise **fitting** for God;/ but the Jews blasphemed
 unlawfully **against** Thee./ Thy riding on a foal prefigured how the
 Gentiles, as yet untamed and uninstructed,/ were to pass from **unbelief**
 to faith./ Glory be to **Thee**, O Christ, // Who alone art merciful and
lovest mankind.

Glory... Today the grace of the Holy **Spirit**/ has gathered us
together,/ and we all take up Thy **Cross** and say:/ Blessed is He that comes
 in the **Name** of the Lord; // Hosanna in the **highest**.

Both... Today the grace of the Holy **Spirit**/ has gathered us
together,/ and we all take up Thy **Cross** and say:/ Blessed is He that comes
 in the **Name** of the Lord; // Hosanna in the **highest**.

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Troparion of the Feast (Tone 1)

x2

Giving us before Thy Passion an assurance of the general resurrection,/
 Thou hast raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God./ Therefore, like
 the children, we also carry tokens of victory,/ and cry to Thee, the

Conqueror of death:/ Hosanna in the highest;/// blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Another Troparion (Tone 4) x1

Buried with Thee through Baptism, O Christ our God,/ we have been granted immortal life by Thy Resurrection,/ and we sing Thy praises, saying:/ Hosanna in the highest!/// Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

P. Blessing of the loaves
C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord...

MATINS:

P. Regular Beginning
P. Great Ectenia
C. God is the Lord... (Tone 1)

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 1) x2

Giving us before Thy Passion an assurance of the general resurrection,/ Thou hast raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God./ Therefore, like the children, we also carry tokens of victory,/ and cry to Thee, the Conqueror of death:/ Hosanna in the highest;/// blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

G/B... Another Troparion (Tone 4)

Buried with Thee through Baptism, O Christ our God,/ we have been granted immortal life by Thy Resurrection,/ and we sing Thy praises, saying:/ Hosanna in the highest!/// Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Lord Have Mercy 3x
Glory...

R. Now...
First Reading from the Psalter

P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

With our souls cleansed and in spirit carrying branches, with faith let us sing Christ's praises like the children, crying with a loud voice to the Master: Blessed art Thou, O Saviour, Who has come into the world to save Adam from the ancient curse; and in Thy love for mankind Thou hast been pleased to become spiritually the new Adam. O Word, Who hast ordered all things for our good, glory to Thee.

G/B... O Lord, Thou hast raised from the tomb Lazarus who was four days dead, and then hast taught us all to cry to Thee with palms and branches: Blessed art Thou that comest.

R. Now...
Second Reading from the Psalter

P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

O Christ, mystically Thou hast shed tears over Thy friend, and hast raised from the dead Lazarus who lay without life; and Thou hast shown tender compassion for him in Thy love towards mankind. Learning of Thy coming, O Saviour, a multitude of children went out today, bearing palms in their hands and crying to Thee: 'Hosanna: blessed art Thou, for Thou hast come to save the world.'

G/B... Give praise with one accord, O peoples and nations: For the King of the angels rides now upon a foal, and He comes to smite His enemies with the Cross in His almighty power. Therefore the children sing to Him with palms in their hands: 'Glory be to Thee Who hast come as Conqueror; glory be to Thee, O Christ the Saviour; glory be to Thee, our God, for Thou alone art blessed.'

C. Polyeleos

P. Megalynarion:

We magnify Thee,/ O Christ the Giver of Life:/ Hosanna in the highest!/ And we also cry to Thee:// Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. (Clergy)

V. O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy Name in all the earth.

We magnify Thee... (Choir)

V. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord: The Lord is God and has appeared to us.

We magnify Thee... (Choir)

G/B... Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God.
(x2, clergy 3rd time)

We magnify Thee... (Clergy)

P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymn:

He Who sits upon the throne of the cherubim, for our sake sits upon a foal; and coming to His voluntary Passion, today He hears the children cry 'Hosanna!' while the crowd replies, 'O Son of David, make haste to save those Whom Thou hast created, blessed Jesus, since for this cause Thou hast come, that we may know Thy glory.'

G/B... *Repeat the above Sessional hymn*

C. Hymn of Degrees, (Tone 4)
From my youth...

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 4)

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings/ hast Thou appointed praise.

V. O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy Name in all the earth.

Let every breath praise the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17.

R. Psalm 50

P. With censer, censes palms crosswise and says prayer:

Prayer for the Blessing of the Palms:

P. Let us pray to the Lord.

C. Kyrie eleison.

P. O Lord our God, Who sittest upon the cherubim, Thou hast reaffirmed Thy power and sent out Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His Cross, Burial and Resurrection. When He drew near to Jerusalem for His voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and the shadow of death took, as tokens of victory, boughs of trees and branches of palms, thus foretelling His Resurrection. Do Thou Thyself, O Master, keep and preserve us also, who, following their example, on this eve of the Feast carry in our hands palms and branches, and who like the crowds and the children cry to Thee, 'Hosanna!' With hymns and spiritual songs may we attain the life-giving Resurrection on the third day: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

P. (Then the priest sprinkles the palms with holy water, saying:)

These palms are blessed by the grace of the All-Holy Spirit, through sprinkling with this holy water: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen (x3)

C. Glory... (Tone 2)

Today Christ enters the City of **Bethany**/ riding **on** a foal, // and destroys the wicked and barren folly of the **Gentiles**.

Both now... (Tone 2)

Today Christ enters the City of **Bethany**/ riding **on** a foal, // and destroys the wicked and barren folly of the **Gentiles**.

(Tone 6)

Have mercy on **me**, O God, / according to Thy great **mercy**; / and according to the multitude of Thy **compassions**, // blot out my **transgressions**.

Today the grace of the Holy **Spirit**/ has gathered us **together**, / and we all take up Thy **Cross** and say: / Blessed is He that comes in the **Name** of the Lord; // Hosanna in the **highest**.

P. Save, O God, Thy People...

Distribution of palms

Sermon. Anointing.

Canticle One (Tone 4)

Irmos: The springs of the deep were seen bereft of water,/ and the foundations of the storm-tossed sea were laid bare:/ For in Thy power Thou hast rebuked its fury/ and saved Thy chosen people,/ as they sang to Thee, O Lord,// a hymn of victory.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Out of the mouth of Thy servants, the innocent babes and sucklings, Thou hast received praise. Thou hast overthrown the adversary and by Thy Passion on the Cross Thou hast avenged Adam's fall of old; with the Tree Thou hast raised him up, and he sings to Thee, O Lord, a hymn of victory.

G/B... The Church of the saints offers praise to Thee, O Christ, Who dwellest in Zion, and Israel rejoices in Thee that made him. The mountains, figuring the stony-hearted Gentiles, exult before Thy face, and they sing to Thee, O Lord, a hymn of victory.

C. Katavasia, (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

Canticle Three (Tone 4)

Irmos: The people of Israel/ drew water from the stony rock,/ for it became at Thy command a flowing stream./ O Christ, Thou art Thyself our rock and life;/ on Thee the Church is founded, and she cries aloud:// Hosanna, blessed art Thou that comest.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Trembling at Thy command, hell yielded up Lazarus who was four days dead. For Thou, O Christ, art the resurrection and the life; on Thee the Church is founded, and she cries aloud: Hosanna, blessed art Thou that comest.

G/B... O ye people, sing in Zion a hymn fitting for God, and offer prayer to Christ in Jerusalem. For He comes in power and glory: On Him the Church is founded, and she cries aloud: Hosanna, blessed art Thou that comest.

C. Katavasia, (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

P. Small Ectenia

C. Ypakoe (Tone 6)

First they sang in praise of Christ our God with **branches**,/ but then the ungrateful Jews seized Him and crucified Him **on** the Cross./ But with faith unchanging let us ever honour Him as Benefactor, crying always **unto** Him:// Blessed art Thou that comest to call back **Adam**.

Canticle Four (Tone 4)

Irmos: 'Christ comes,' the Prophet said of old,/ 'revealing Himself as our God;/ He shall come and shall not tarry,/ from the mountain overshadowed by the forest,/ born of a Maiden who has not known man.'// Therefore we all cry aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Let the mountains and all the hills break forth into great rejoicing at the mercy of God, and let the trees of the forest clap their hands. Give praise to Christ, all ye nations, and magnify Him, all ye peoples, crying: Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Glory... King of the ages, the Lord comes clothed in strength. The surpassing splendor of His beauty and His glory is revealed in Zion. Therefore we all cry aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Both... The Lord is here, Who measures the heaven with a span and the earth in the hollow of His hand. For He has chosen Zion; there has He been pleased to dwell, ruling over the peoples that cry aloud with faith: Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

C. Katavasia, (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

Canticle Five (Tone 4)

Irmos: Go up the mountain,/ Thou that bringest good tidings to Zion;/ and Thou that preachest to Jerusalem, lift up Thy voice with strength./ Glorious things are spoken of thee, O City of God:// Peace be upon Israel and salvation to the Gentiles.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

God Who is enthroned on high upon the cherubim and yet cares for the lowly, is Himself come in power and glory, and all things shall be filled with His divine praise. Peace be upon Israel and salvation to the Gentiles.

G/B... O Zion, holy mountain of God, and Jerusalem, lift up thine eyes round about and behold thy children, gathered in thee. For lo, they have come from afar to worship thy King. Peace be upon Israel and salvation to the Gentiles.

C. Katavasia, (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

Canticle Six (Tone 4)

Irmos: The spirits of the righteous/ cried aloud in joy:/ 'Now is a new covenant granted to the world:/ Let the people be renewed// through sprinkling with the Blood of God.'

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

O Israel, receive God's Kingdom; let him that walks in darkness see the great light; and let the people be renewed through sprinkling with the Blood of God.

G/B... Set free thy prisoners, O Zion, and let them go; bring them out of the waterless pit of ignorance; and let the people be renewed through sprinkling with the Blood of God.

C. Katavasia, (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion, (Tone 6)

Seated in heaven upon Thy throne/ and on earth upon a foal, O Christ our God,/ Thou hast accepted the praise of the angels/ and the songs of the children who cried out to Thee:// Blessed art Thou that comest to call back Adam.

R. Ikos

O immortal Lord, Thou hast bound hell, slain death, and raised the world: therefore the children, carrying palms, sing praise to Thee as Victor, O Christ, and they cry aloud to Thee this day: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! For no more,' say they, 'shall the little children be slain because of Mary's Child; but Thou alone art crucified for all, both young and old. No more shall the sword be drawn against us, for Thy side is pierced by a spear. With great rejoicing, then, we cry: Blessed art Thou that comest to call back Adam.'

Canticle Seven (Tone 4)

Irmos: Thou hast saved the children of Abraham in the fire/ and slain the Chaldeans,/ who plotted unrighteously against the righteous./ Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers,// and praised above all.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

With palms in their hands, the people knelt and they rejoiced with the disciples, crying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised above all.

Glory... The innocent children sang to Thee a hymn fitting for God, O King of Israel and of the angels: 'Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised above all.'

Both... With palms and branches the multitude greeted Thee, O Christ, and cried: 'Blessed art Thou who comest, O King of the ages; blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised above all.'

C. Katavasia, (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

Canticle Eight (Tone 4)

Irmos: Rejoice, O Jerusalem,/ and ye that love Zion, keep feast./ For He Who rules unto all ages, the Lord of Hosts, is come./ Let all the earth stand in reverence before His face/ and cry aloud: O all ye works of the Lord,// praise ye the Lord.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Riding upon a young foal, Christ thy King is at hand, O Zion. For He has come to destroy the senseless error of idolatry and to restrain the untamed willfulness of all the Gentiles, teaching them to sing: O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord.

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!

Greatly rejoice, O Zion, for Christ thy God shall reign forever. As it is written, He is meek and brings salvation. Our righteous Deliverer has come riding on a foal, that He may destroy the proud arrogance of His enemies who will not cry: O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord.

Both... The lawless company of disobedient men was driven out from the precincts of the temple, for they had made God's house of prayer into a den of thieves, and they rejected from their hearts the Redeemer unto Whom we cry aloud: O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

C. Katavasia (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

(No Magnificat)

Canticle Nine (Tone 4)

Irmos: The Lord is God and has appeared to us;/ let us keep the feast together./ Come, and with great rejoicing/ let us magnify Christ with palms and branches,/ and let us cry aloud:// Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Why do ye rage, ye heathen? Ye scribes and priests, why do ye imagine vain things, saying: 'Who is this to Whom children cry aloud with palms and branches, Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour?'

Glory... This is our God, and there is none other like Him; He has found out every righteous way and given it to Israel His beloved; and afterward He has shown Himself upon earth and lived among men. Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.

Both... O disobedient nation, why do ye set stumbling-blocks upon our path? Your feet are swift to shed the blood of the Master, but He shall rise again, to save all those who cry: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.

C. Katavasia (Repeat irmos above, Tone 4)

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God... (Tone 4)

(No Exapostilarion)

C. Lauds: Tone 4 Stichera

Let every breath **praise** the Lord/
 Praise the Lord from the **Heavens**/
Praise Him in the **highest**/
 To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God/
 Praise Him, all ye His **Angels**://
 Praise Him, all ye His hosts.
 To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses,
 Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,
 The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,
 The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,
 Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,
 Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,
To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written. This glory shall be to all His saints. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His power.

1/2. A very great **multitude** spread their garments in the **way**, O Lord;/ others cut down branches from the trees and **carried** them./ **Walking** before and after Thee, they cried: 'Hosanna to the Son of **David**:// Blessed art Thou Who hast come and shalt come again in the **Name** of the Lord.'

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with psaltery and harp.

3/4. When **Thou** wast about to enter the Holy **City**, O Lord,/ the multitude carried branches from the trees and sang to Thee, the **Master** of all./ They saw Thee **riding** on a foal as though upon the **cherubim**,/ and they cried: 'Blessed art **Thou** Who hast come// and shalt come again in the **Name** of the Lord.'

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance,/ praise Him with strings and flute.

5. Come **forth**, ye nations, and come forth, ye **peoples**:/ Look today upon the King of **heaven**,/ Who **enters** Jerusalem seated upon a humble colt as though upon a **lofty** throne./ O unbelieving and adulterous generation of the Jews,/ draw near and look on Him Whom once **Isaiah** saw:/ He is come for our sakes **in** the flesh./ See how He weds the New Zion, for **she** is chaste,/ and rejects the synagogue that **is** condemned./ As at a marriage pure and **undefiled**,/ the pure and innocent children gather and sing **praises**./ Let us also sing with them the hymn of the **angels**:// Hosanna in the highest to Him that has great **mercy**.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

6. **Before** Thy voluntary Passion, **Christ** our God,/ Thou hast given to all men an assurance of the general resurrection;/ for at **Bethany** Thou hast raised by Thine almighty **power**/ Lazarus who was **four** days dead,/ and as Giver of Light, O **Saviour**,/ Thou hast made the **blind** to see./ With Thy disciples Thou hast entered the Holy **City**,/ seated upon the foal of an ass as though upon the **cherubim**,/ and so Thou hast fulfilled the

preaching of the **prophets**./ The children of the Hebrews with palms and branches came to **meet** Thee./ Therefore we also, bearing palms and olive branches, cry aloud to Thee in thanksgiving:// Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the **Name** of the Lord.

G/B... (Tone 6)

Six days before the Passover Jesus entered **Bethany**,/ and His disciples came to Him, **saying**:/ 'Lord, where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the **Passover**?'/ Then He sent them, **saying**:/ 'Go into the village opposite,/ and ye shall find a man bearing a pitcher of **water**;/ follow him and tell the **master** of the house:// The Teacher says, In thy house shall I eat the Passover with My **disciples**.'

The Great Doxology

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 1)

Giving us before Thy Passion an assurance of the general resurrection,/ Thou hast raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God./ Therefore, like the children, we also carry tokens of victory,/ and cry to Thee, the Conqueror of death:/ Hosanna in the highest;// blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

P. Litanies

Dismissal

May He Who consented to ride on the foal of an ass for our salvation, Christ our true God...

R. Hours:

Tropar: Feast (2)

Kontak: Feast