

Great Vespers for the Feast of Palm Sunday
Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Reader: O come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ, our King and our God.

The Psalm of Introduction (Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back for ever and ever.

The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand.

At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.

The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them.

Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth.

He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run.

They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst.

Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.

He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, to bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man.

To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted.

There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them.

The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares.

He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad.

Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God.

The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens.

But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labour until the evening.

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation.

So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great.

There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein.

All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it.

When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled.

Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return.

Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works, Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being.

May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord.

O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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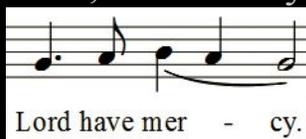


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The Litany of Peace

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ①



Priest: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ②



Priest: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God and the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ①

Priest: For this holy house and those who with faith, reverence and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ②

Priest: For our (*metropolitan or archbishop or bishop*), *N*, the honorable presbytery, the deaconate in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ①

Priest: For our president, civil authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ②

Priest: For this city and every city and countryside and the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ①

Priest: For healthful seasons, abundance of the fruits of the earth and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ②

Priest: For travelers by sea, by land and by air, the sick, the suffering, captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ①

Priest: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. ②

Priest: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

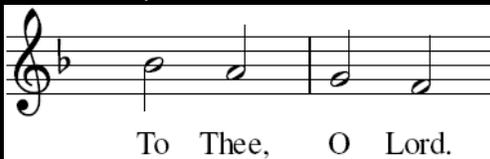
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Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos



and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

All: To Thee, O Lord.



Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

FIRST KATHISMA

First Stasis

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the pestilent.

But his will is rather in the law of the Lord and in His law will he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like the tree which is planted by the streams of the waters, which shall bring forth its fruit in its season; and its leaf shall not fall, and all things whatsoever he may do shall prosper.

Not so are the ungodly, not so; but rather they are like the chaff which the wind doth hurl away from the face of the earth.

For this reason shall the ungodly not stand up in judgment, nor sinners in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2

Why have the heathen raged, and the peoples meditated empty things?

The kings of the earth were aroused, and the rulers were assembled together, against the Lord, and against His Christ.

Let us break their bonds asunder, and let us cast away their yoke from us.

He that dwelleth in the heavens shall laugh them to scorn, and the Lord shall deride them.

Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and in His anger shall He trouble them.

But as for Me, I was established as king by Him, upon Sion His holy mountain, proclaiming the commandment of the Lord.

The Lord said unto Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the nations for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

Thou shalt herd them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt shatter them like a potter's vessels.

And now, O ye kings, understand; be instructed, all ye that judge the earth.

Serve ye the Lord with fear, and rejoice in Him with trembling.

Lay hold of instruction, lest at any time the Lord be angry, and ye perish from the righteous way.

When quickly His wrath be kindled, blessed are all that have put their trust in Him.

Psalm 3

O Lord, why are they multiplied that afflict me? Many rise up against me.

Many say unto my soul: there is no salvation for him in his God.

But Thou, O Lord, art my helper, my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain.

I laid me down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves against me round about.

Arise, O Lord, save me, O my God, for Thou hast smitten all who without cause are mine enemies; the teeth of sinners hast Thou broken.

Salvation is of the Lord, and Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia: Glory to Thee, O God. (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Second Stasis

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 4

When I called upon Thee, O God of my righteousness, Thou didst hearken unto me; in mine affliction Thou hast enlarged me.

Have compassion on me and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye be slow of heart? Why do ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know also that the Lord hath made wondrous His holy one; the Lord will hearken unto me when I cry unto Him.

Be angry and sin not; feel compunction upon your beds for what ye say in your hearts.

Sacrifice a sacrifice of righteousness and hope in the Lord. Many say: Who will show unto us good things?

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us; Thou hast given gladness to my heart.

From the fruit of their wheat, wine, and oil are they multiplied.

In peace in the same place I shall lay me down and sleep.

For Thou, O Lord, alone hast made me to dwell in hope.

Psalm 5

Unto my words, give ear, O Lord; hear my cry. Attend unto the voice of my supplication, O my King and my God; for unto Thee will I pray, O Lord.

In the morning Thou shalt hear my voice. In the morning shall I stand before Thee, and Thou shalt look upon me; for not a God that willest iniquity art Thou.

He that worketh evil shall not dwell near Thee, nor shall transgressors abide before Thine eyes.

Thou hast hated all them that work iniquity; Thou shalt destroy all them that speak a lie.

A man that is bloody and deceitful shall the Lord abhor.

But as for me, in the multitude of Thy mercy shall I go into Thy house; I shall worship toward Thy holy temple in fear of Thee.

O Lord, guide me in the way of Thy righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before Thee.

For in their mouth there is no truth; their heart is vain.

Their throat is an open sepulcher, with their tongues have they spoken deceitfully; judge them, O God.

Let them fall down on account of their own devisings; according to the multitude of their ungodliness, cast them out, for they have embittered Thee, O Lord.

And let all them be glad that hope in Thee; they shall ever rejoice, and Thou shalt dwell among them.

And all shall glory in Thee that love Thy name, for Thou shalt bless the righteous.

O Lord, as with a shield of Thy good pleasure hast Thou crowned us.

Psalm 6

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled, and my soul is troubled greatly; but Thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn to me again, O Lord, deliver my soul; save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is none that is mindful of Thee, and in hades who will confess Thee?

I toiled in my groaning; every night I will wash my bed, with tears will I water my couch.

Through wrath is mine eye become troubled, I have grown old among all mine enemies.

Depart from me all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication, the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be greatly put to shame and be troubled, let them be turned back, and speedily be greatly put to shame.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia: Glory to Thee, O God. (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Third Stasis

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 7

O Lord my God, in Thee have I put my hope; save me from them that persecute me, and do Thou deliver me.

Lest at any time like a lion he seize my soul, when there is none to redeem me, nor to save.

O Lord, my God, if I have done this, if there be injustice in my hands, if I have paid back evil to them that rendered evil unto me, then let me fall back empty from mine enemies.

Then let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it, and let him tread down my life into the earth, and my glory let him bring down into the dust.

Arise, O Lord, in Thine anger, exalt Thyself to the furthest boundaries of Thine enemies.

And arouse Thyself, O Lord my God, in the commandment which Thou hast enjoined, and a congregation of peoples shall surround Thee. And for their sakes return Thou on high.

The Lord shall judge the peoples. Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine innocence within me.

Let the wickedness of sinners be ended, and do Thou guide the righteous man, O God, that searchest out the hearts and reins.

Righteous is my help from God, Who saveth them who are upright of heart.

God is a judge that is righteous, strong and forbearing, and inflicteth not wrath every day.

Unless ye be converted, His glittering sword shall He furbish; He hath bent His bow, and hath made it ready.

And on it He hath made ready the instruments of death, His arrows for them that rage hotly hath He perfected.

Behold, he was in travail with unrighteousness, he hath conceived toil and brought forth iniquity.

He opened a pit and dug it, and he shall fall into the hole which he hath made.

His toil shall return upon his own head, and upon his own pate shall his unrighteousness come down.

I will give praise unto the Lord according to His righteousness, and I will chant unto the name of the Lord Most High.

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy name in all the earth! For Thy magnificence is lifted high above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou perfected praise, because of Thine enemies, to destroy the enemy and avenger.

For I will behold the heavens, the works of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast founded.

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels; with glory and honor hast Thou crowned him, and Thou hast set him over the works of Thy hands.

All things hast Thou subjected under his feet, sheep, and all oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, the things that pass through the paths of the sea.

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3.

The Little Litany

PSALM 140

Byzantine Tone 6

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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Ison O Lord, I have cried out unto thee. Hear thou me. Hear thou me, O Lord. O Lord, I have cried out unto thee. Hear thou me. Give ear to the voice of my supplication, when I cry out unto thee. Hear thou me, O Lord. Let my pray'r be set forth before thee as the incense, and the lifting

up of my hands as the evening
sac - ri - fice. Hear thou me,
O Lord.

- + Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door about my lips.
- + Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.
- + With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.
- + The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.
- + For my prayer also shall still be against the things with which they are well pleased; their judges falling upon the rock have been swallowed up.
- + They shall hear my words, for they are sweet; as when the thickness of the earth is broken upon the ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.
- + But to Thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes; in Thee have I put my trust, take not away my soul.
- + Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of iniquity.
- + Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst I alone escape.
- + I cried unto the Lord with my voice, with my voice unto the Lord, did I make my supplication.
- + I poured out my supplication before Him; I showed before Him my trouble.

- + When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.
- + In the way wherein I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.
- + I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me.
- + Refuge failed me; no one cared for my soul.
- + I cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.
- + Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low.
- + Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

For Palm Sunday in Tone **Six**

Verse 10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.

Today hath the grace of the Holy Spirit brought us together; and we all lift Thy Cross as we say: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Verse 9. The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.

Today hath the grace of the Holy Spirit brought us together; and we all lift Thy Cross as we say: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Verse 8. Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

The Word of God the Father, the Son Who is coeternal with Him, Whose throne is Heaven and Whose footstool is the earth, hath today humbled Himself, coming to Bethany on a dumb colt. Wherefore, the Hebrew lads praised Him, carrying in their hands branches, and crying: Blessed is He that cometh, King of Israel.

Verse 7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

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Verse 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Let us also, the new Israel, come together today, the Church of the Gentiles, to shout with the Prophet Zachariah: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold Thy King cometh unto Thee: He is meek and having salvation, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. Wherefore, like babes, feast thou, carrying branches in thy hands, and praise Him, singing: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh, King of Israel.

Verse 5. Because of Thy Name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

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Verse 4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.

O good Christ, when Thou didst foreshadow for us Thine exalted Resurrection, Thou didst raise from the tomb by Thine own command Thy breathless friend Lazarus, who had been dead for four days, and had become decomposed. Thou didst mount symbolically upon an ass, as one borne upon a chariot, thus indicating the Gentiles. Wherefore, beloved Israel did offer Thee the praise from the mouths of innocent babes and sucklings, having beheld Thee, O Savior, entering into the holy city six days before the Passover.

Verse 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

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Verse 2. Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.

Before the six days of the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, and His Disciples came to Him and say: O Lord, where wouldest Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover? And He sent them, saying: Go to the town that lieth before ye, and ye shall find a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him, and say to the lord of the house: The Master saith, I shall eat the Passover with My Disciples.

Verse 1. For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

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DOXASTICON FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

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A - men.

Today hath the grace of the Holy Spirit brought us together; and we all lift Thy Cross as we say: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(cadence)

The Holy Entrance

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

O Gladsome Light – Tone 2



Saturday Prokeimenon
Tone **Six**

Priest: The Evening Prokeimenon!

(1st refrain)



The Lo - rd is King, he is clothed with ma - jes-ty.

1. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. (*1st refrain*)
2. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. (*end*)

(end)



The Lo - rd is King, he is clothed with ma - jes - ty.

THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHEICIES

The First Reading

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis (49:1-2; 8-12).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Jacob called his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in days to come. Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob, and hearken to Israel your father. Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, He couched as a lion, and as a lioness; who dares rouse Him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between His feet, until He comes to whom it belongs; and to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding His foal to the vine and His ass's colt to the choice vine, He washes His garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes; **His eyes shall be red with wine, and His teeth white with milk.**

The Second Reading

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Zephaniah the Prophet (3:14-19).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: These things doth the Lord say: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a Warrior Who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love; He will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. **And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.**

The Third Reading

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from Zachariah the Prophet (9:9-15).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: These things doth the Lord say: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall command peace to the nations; His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your captives free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will brandish your sons, O Zion, over your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the Lord will appear over them, and His arrow goes forth like lightning; **the Lord God will sound the trumpet, and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts will protect them.**

The Litany

Priest: Let us say with our whole soul, and with our whole mind, let us say.

All: Lord, have mercy. ①

Priest: O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. ②

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)



Priest: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for our (metropolitan or archbishop or bishop), N.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, deacons, hierodeacons and monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and remission of sins for (the servants of God, NN, and) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church (and for the servants of God, NN), all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The Evening Prayer

All:

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Litany of Supplication

Priest: Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

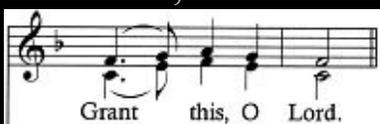
All: Lord, have mercy. ①

Priest: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy. ②

Priest: That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord. ①



The Peace

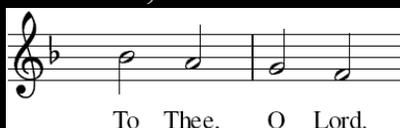
Priest: Peace be to all.

All: And to thy spirit.



Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

All: To Thee, O Lord.



Priest: ... Blessed and glorified be the might of Thy kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

THE APOSTICHA FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE **EIGHT**

Rejoice and be happy, O city of Zion. Be joyful and glad, O Church of God; for behold, thy King is come sitting upon a colt and praised by youth. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed art Thou Who art possessed of bountiful mercies: have mercy upon us.

Verse 1. Out of the mouths of infants and of sucklings Thou hast perfected praise.

Today hath the Savior come to Jerusalem to fulfill the Scriptures; and all did take in their hands branches of palm trees. And they spread their clothes for Him, knowing that it was He, our Lord, to Whom cherubim unceasingly call out, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed art Thou Who art possessed of bountiful mercies: have mercy upon us.

Verse 2. O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is Thy Name in all the earth!

O Thou Who ridest upon the cherubim, and Who art praised by the seraphim, Thou didst ride upon a colt, O holy, Davidic One. And the youths were praising Thee as befitteth God. And the Jews did blaspheme against Thee wickedly. Thy sitting on an ass foreshadowed the transformation of the bolting of the Gentiles from infidelity to faith. Glory to Thee, O Christ, Who alone art merciful and the Lover of mankind.

DOXASTICON FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE **SIX**

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Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

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Both now and e - ver and un - to a - ges of a - ges.

A - men.

Today hath the grace of the Holy Spirit brought us together; and we all lift Thy Cross as we say: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
(cadence)

The Hymn of St. Simeon the God-Receiver

Tone 6



Lord, now let-test Thou Thy ser - vant de - part in peace ac - cord-ing to Thy



word, for mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - tion which Thou hast pre -



pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen -



tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, / before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. / Wherefore, / we, like babes, / carry the insignia of triumph and victory, / and cry unto Thee, / O Vanquisher of death: / Hosanna in the highest. / Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

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APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. (cadence)

The Dismissal

Priest: Wisdom!

All: Father, bless!

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen. Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

All: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (3x). Father, bless.

Priest: May He Who ... forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind. Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

All: Amen.