

Vesper Propers , March 25, 2018
Palm (Flowery) Sunday

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY when, in the city of Nazareth, the angel of the Lord announced to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High." Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And thus the fullness of time was accomplished, and he who before time was the only-begotten Son of God was made flesh for our sake and for our salvation, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the first sticheron (Tone 6, page 82).

Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise your name.

Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness to me.

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen

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Ga - bri - el stood be - fore you, O Maid-en, re - veal - ing the plan from of old.
He greet - ed you and said: Re - joice, Unsown Land; rejoice, Un - burnt Bush;
re - joice, Un - fath - 'ma - ble Depth; re - joice, Bridge lead - ing to heav - en
and Lad - der raised on high whom Ja - cob saw; re - joice, Divine Jar of Man - na;

re - joyce, Re - lease from the curse; re - joyce, Restoration of Ad - am,
the Lord is with you.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading. (*All repeat "Gabriel stood before you, O Maiden...."*)

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?
(on 6) ^⑥ But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

The in - vi - o - late Maid - en said to the angel - ic Com - mand - er:
You ap - pear to me as a man but what you say to me is be - yond
hu - man words, for you are telling me that God will be with me
and that he will dwell in my womb. Tell me, how can I become the spacious
con - tain - er and holy temple of the one who is borne aloft on the Cher - u - bim?
Do not en - tice me de - ceit - ful - ly, for I have never known pleas - ure,
nor have I expe - ri - enced wed - lock. How then shall I bear a child?

Cantor:

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.

(on 5)

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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The bod - i - less one said: When - ever God so wills, the order of na - ture is
o - ver - come, and su - pernatural things are ac - com - plished.
Be - lieve that what I say is true, all holy and all spot - less one.
She cried out: Let it be done to me ac - cord - ing to your word
and I will give birth to the fleshless one who bor - rows flesh from me,
for he alone is able, by shar - ing in it, to re - store hu - man na - ture to its
an - cient dig - ni - ty.

Cantor:

Let the watchman count on daybreak

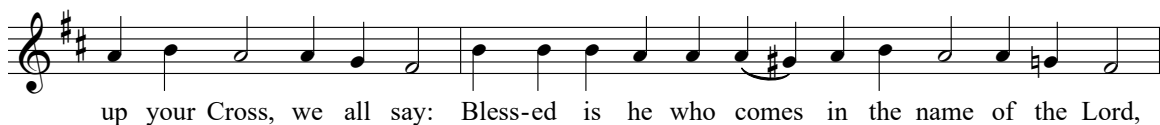
(on 4)

and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen

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To - day the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us to - geth - er and tak - ing

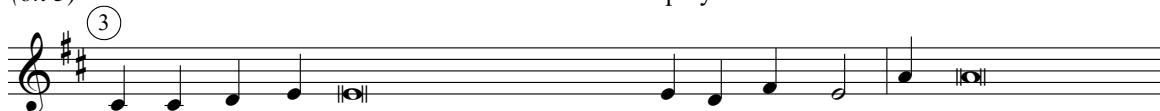


up your Cross, we all say: Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,



Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.



He who has heav-en as his throne and earth as his foot-stool, the Son, the Father's



co - e - ter - nal Word, now hum - bles himself to mount on a sense - less beast,



as he comes to Beth-a - ny. Car - rying branches, the Hebrew children wel - come him

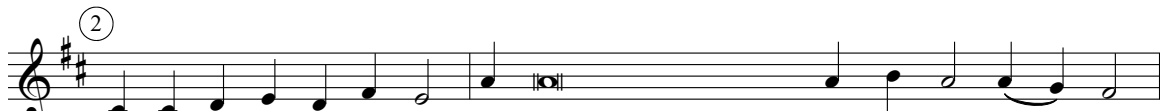


and say: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who is



com - ing, the King of Is - ra - el.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



Let us all gath-er this day, the Church of the Gentiles, the new Is - ra - el,

and with the prophet Zecha-ri - ah, let us say: Re - joice, O daughter Zion,

shout for joy, O daughter Je - ru - sa - lem; be-hold, your King comes to you!

He is the Sav - ior, hum-ble and meek, a - stride the foal of a donkey, a beast

of bur - den. Car - rying palms, let us praise him as the chil - dren did:

Ho-san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed is he who is com - ing, the King of

Is - ra - el.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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Pre - fig - uring your holy Resurrection for us, O Lord, by your word, you raised your

friend Laz - a - rus from death and the tomb on the fourth day.

You rode upon the foal of a don - key to symbolize for the Gentiles the triumph



of the Sav - ior. There - fore Is - rael, your beloved, of - fers you praise, O Christ,



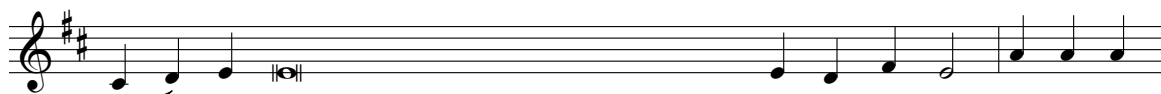
through the mouths of in - fants and of babes, the witnesses of your entrance into the



Ho - ly Cit - y, six days be - fore the Pass - o - ver.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen



To - day the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us to - geth - er and tak - ing



up your Cross, we all say: Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,



Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen



The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin to an - nounce



the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed

as he reflected on the mys-te - ry: How can the One Who Is incomprehen-si - ble
in the high - est be born of a vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his
foot - stool, and in a wom - an's womb he is con - tained. The six - winged
seraphim and the many - eyed cherubim cannot look up - on him; yet, with a single
word, he has been pleased to take on flesh. He re - mains the Word of God.
Why do I stand still and not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the Lord
is with you; Re - joice, pure Vir - gin; re - joice, Un - wed - ded Bride;
re - joice, Moth - er of Life; bless - ed is the fruit of your womb.

Tone 1 Bolhar

Readings (Annunciation): Genesis 28:10-17
Ezekiel 42:27-44
Proverbs 9:1-11 (EOT 304)
Exodus 3:1-8
Proverbs 8:22-31 (EOT 317)

Readings (Palm Sunday):

Genesis 49: 12-18

(EOT 285)

Zephaniah 3: 14-19

(EOT 285)

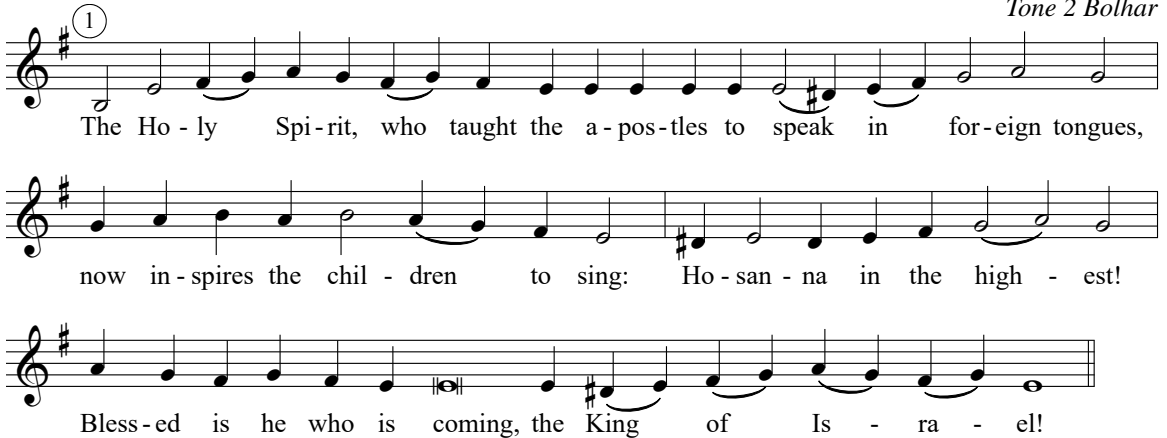
Zechariah 9:9-15

(EOT 285)

Litija

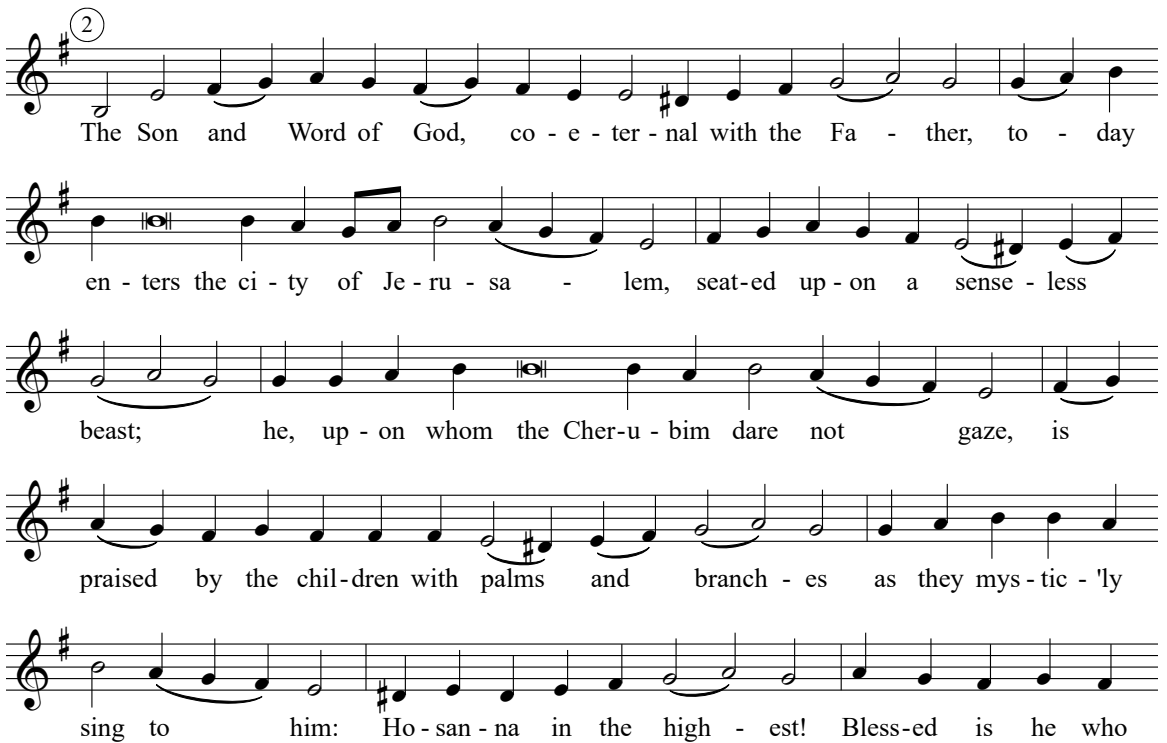
Tone 2 Bolhar

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The Ho - ly Spi-rit, who taught the a - pos - tles to speak in for - eign tongues,
now in - spires the chil - dren to sing: Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is he who is coming, the King of Is - ra - el!

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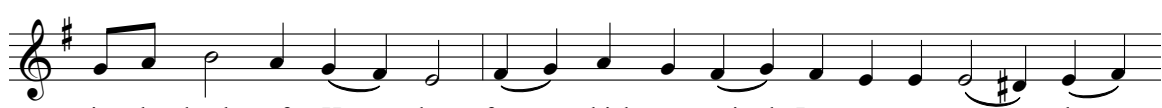
The Son and Word of God, co - e - ter - nal with the Fa - ther, to - day
en - ters the ci - ty of Je - ru - sa - lem, seat - ed up - on a sense - less
beast; he, up - on whom the Cher - u - bim dare not gaze, is
praised by the chil - dren with palms and branch - es as they mys - tic - 'ly
sing to him: Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who



comes to save the hu - man race.



Six days be - fore the Pass - o-ver, O Lord, your voice was heard e - ven



in the depths of Ha - des, from which you raised Laz - a - rus on the



fourth day. And the He-brew chil - dren praised you: Ho - san - na,



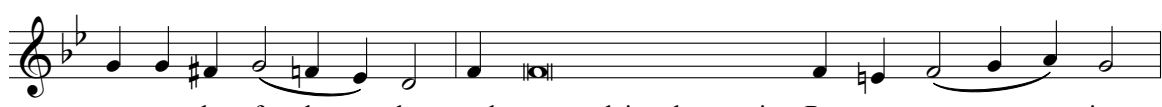
O our God, glo - - - ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...now and ever...

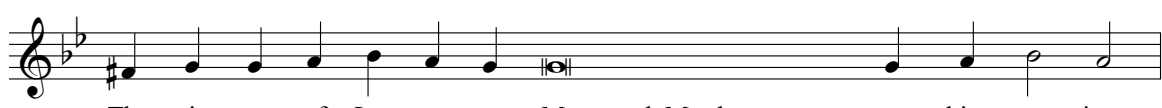
Litija Doxastikon - Tone 3 samohlasen



Six days be - fore the Pass - over, Jesus came to Beth - a - ny to raise Laz - a -



rus on the fourth day and to proclaim the coming Re - sur - rec - tion.



The sis - ters of Laz - a - rus, Mary and Martha, came to meet him say - ing:



Lord, if you had been here, our broth - er would not have died. But the Lord

an-swered them, say - ing: Those who be - lieve in me, even if they die,
 shall live! Have I not said this to you? Show me where you have
 bur - ied him. And with a loud voice the Creator of the universe cried to
 him: Laz - a - rus, come forth!

Litany of the Litija, p.116

Aposticha

Tone 8 samohlasen

①
 Re-joyce, O cit - y of Zi - - on, and dance with joy, O Church of God;
 for, be-hold! your King comes in you in meekness and hu-mil - i - ty; the chil-dren
 wel-come him and sing: Ho-san-na in the high - est; bless-ed are you, O
 com - pas - sion - ate Lord; have mer - cy on us.

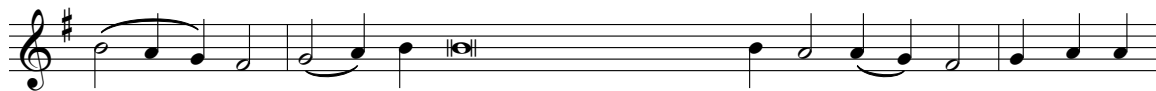
Cantor



On the lips of children and of babes, you have found praise.



The Sav - ior has come into the city of Je - ru - sa - lem to - day to ful - fill the



Scrip - tures. The peo - ple spread their garments a - long the way; they car - ry



palms and branch - es in their hands, re - cognizing that he is in - deed our God.



The cher - ubim sing un - ceas - ing - ly to him: Ho - san - na in the high - est;



bles - ed are you, O com - pas - sion - ate Lord; have mer - cy on us.

Cantor



How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth.



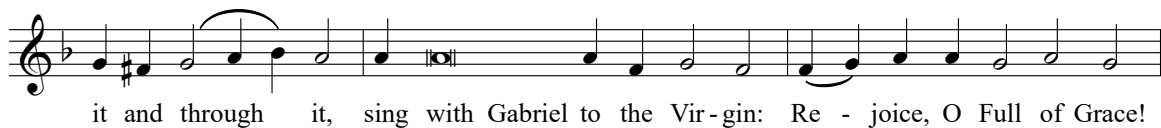
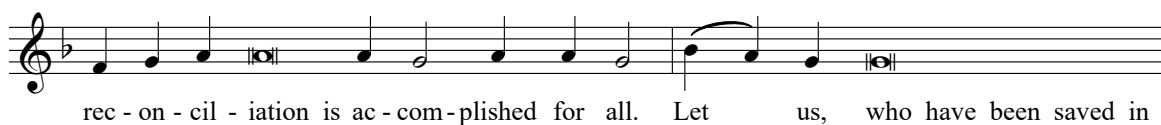
You are seat - ed upon the throne of the Cher - u - bim and are praised by the

Ser - a - phim; as Da - vid, you rode upon a don - key. The chil - dren praise
 you as God; the Phar - isees blaspheme you un - just - ly; and your rid - ing upon
 the colt symbolizes the conversion of the pa - gans. O on - ly Lover of Humankind
 and com - pas - sion - ate Lord; all glo - ry to you.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

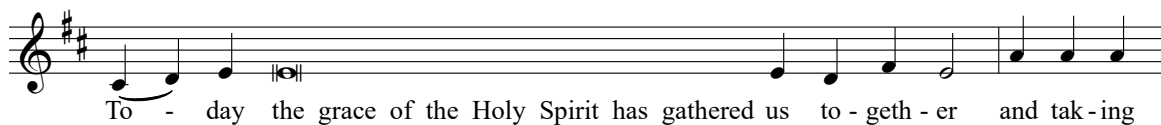
Aposticha doxasikon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

To - day is the joy of the annunciation and the feast of vir - gin - i - ty. The creatures
 of earth unite with those of heav - en. Ad - am is renewed and Eve is freed from her
 an - cient sor - row. She who is of our own substance becomes the tem - ple of God
 by the di - vin - ity of him who was con - ceived. O what mystery, the
 incomprehensible quality of the con - de - scen - sion and the in - expressible wealth



Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Aposticha doxasikon of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen



up your Cross, we all say: Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

Troparia

Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4

To-day is the sum-mit of our sal - va - tion, and what was hidden from before all
 a - ges is re-vealed: the Son of God be-comes a vir-gin's son, and Ga-bri-el
 an-noun-ces the good news of grace. There - fore, let us exclaim with him to the
 The-o - to - kos: Re-joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.
 (sung twice)

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory... now and ever...


Troparion of Palm Sunday - Tone 1

Christ our God, be-fore your pas-sion you confirmed our common re-sur-rec - tion
 when you raised Laz-a-rus from the dead. There-fore, like the chil-dren, we



car - ry the symbols of vic - to - ry and cry out to you, the vic - tor o - ver death:

The first line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.



Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The second line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.