

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;

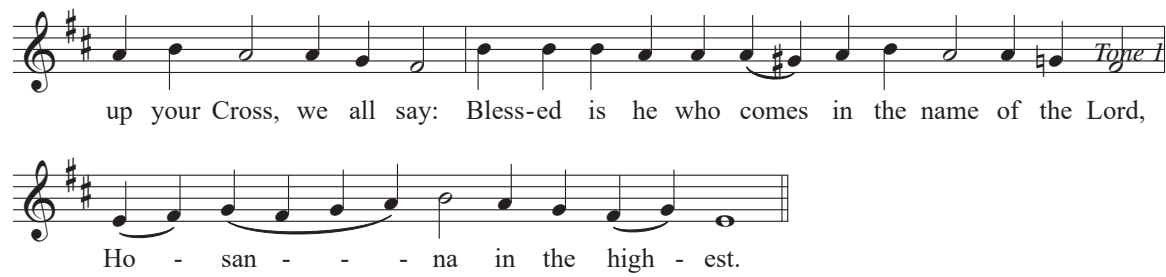
re - joice, Re - lease from the curse; re - joice, Restoration of Ad - am,
the Lord is with you.

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?

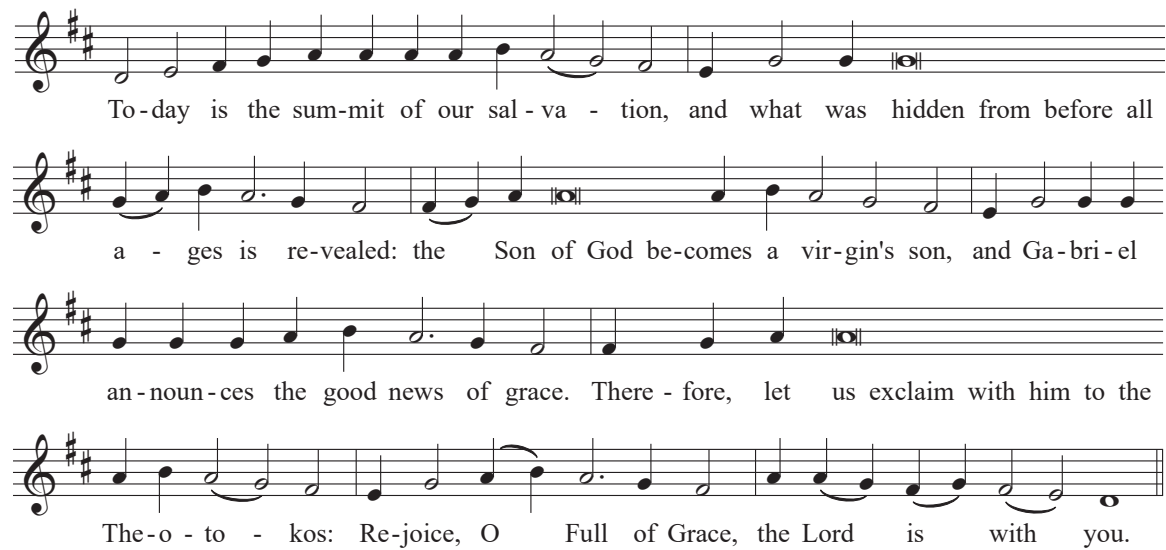
car - ry the symbols of vic - to - ry and cry out to you, the vic - tor o - ver death:
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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.

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Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4

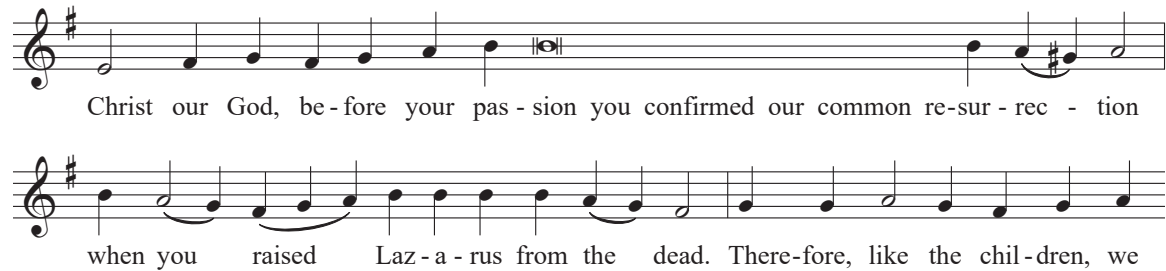


To-day is the sum-mit of our sal - va - tion, and what was hidden from before all
a - ges is re-vealed: the Son of God be-comes a vir-gin's son, and Ga-bri-el
an-noun-ces the good news of grace. There - fore, let us exclaim with him to the
The-o - to - kos: Re-joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with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

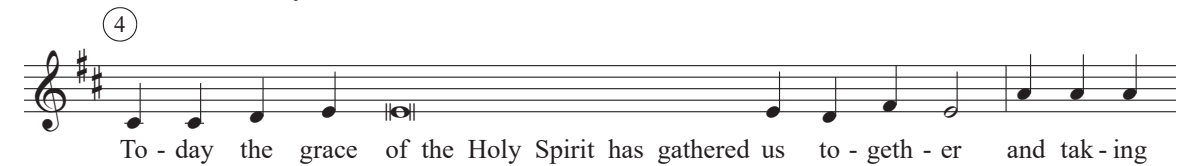
Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



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



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,

of good - ness! An an - gel announc-es this mir - a - - cle.

The virginal womb re-ceive the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it is sent down,

and the Fa - ther on high is well - pleased. Through the u - ni - ver - sal will,

rec - on - cil - iation is ac - com - plished for all. Let us, who have been saved in

it and through it, sing with Gabriel to the Vir - gin: Re - joice, O Full of Grace!

For our sal - va - tion, Christ our God took na - ture from you and joined it

to him - self. There - fore, im - plore him to save our souls.

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

Aposticha doxasikon of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen

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

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

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 I) he is faithful forever.

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

Cantor

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

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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;

bless-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.

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

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

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.

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 - joyce, Full of Grace, the Lord
 is with you; Re - joyce, pure Vir - gin; re - joyce, Un - wed - ded Bride;
 re - joyce, Moth - er of Life; bless-ed is the fruit of your womb.

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)

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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!

②

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