Palm Sunday: Great Vespers

After the Proemial Psalm (Ps. 103), and the Great Litany, we sing "Blessed is the Man", the 1st Kathisma of the Psalter.

At "Lord I have cried", we sing 10 stichera, in Tone 6:

(10) Reader: Bring my soul out of prison

That I may_______ confess _______ Thy name.

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us togeth - er,

and we all take up Thy Cross and say: Blessed is He that cometh

in the name____ of the Lord; Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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(9) Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me

Until Thou __________ shalt reward __________ me.

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together, /
and we all take up Thy __________ and say: /
Blessed is He that cometh in the __________ of the Lord; //
Hosanna in the __________.
(8) Reader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

O Lord hear my voice.

Today the Word and coeternal Son of God the Father, /
Whose throne is the heaven and Whose footstool is the earth, /
humbleth Himself and cometh to Bethany, /
seated on a dumb beast, on a foal. /

Then the children of the Hebrews, /
holding branches in their hand, praise Him saying: /
Hosanna in the highest: //
blessed is He that cometh, the King of Israel.

(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplication.

Repeat: "Today the Word..."
(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Let us also come today, all the new Israel, / the Church of the Gentiles, / and let us cry out with the Prophet Zachariah: / Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; / shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem; / for behold, thy King cometh unto thee: / He is meek and bringeth salvation, / and He rideth upon the colt of an ass, the foal of a beast of burden. / Keep feast with the children, / and holding branches in your hands sing His praises: / Hosanna in the highest; / blessed is He that cometh, the King of Israel.

(5) Reader: For Thy name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Repeat: "Let us also come today..."
Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Prefiguring for us Thy holy Resurrection, O 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 Savior, mounted on a foal, as though riding in a chariot, / Thou hast given a sign unto the Gentiles. / Therefore also Israel Thy beloved offereth Thee praise / out of the mouth of innocent babes and sucklings, / as thy behold Thee, O Christ, // enter the Holy City six days before the Passover.

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Repeat: "Prefiguring for us..."
(2) **Reader:** O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all _________ ye peoples.

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."

(1) **Reader:** For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a-bi-deth forever.

*Repeat:* "Six days before the Passover..."
**Reader:** Glory, in the same tone.

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

Reader: Both now, in the same tone.

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

Repeat: "Today the grace..."

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

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