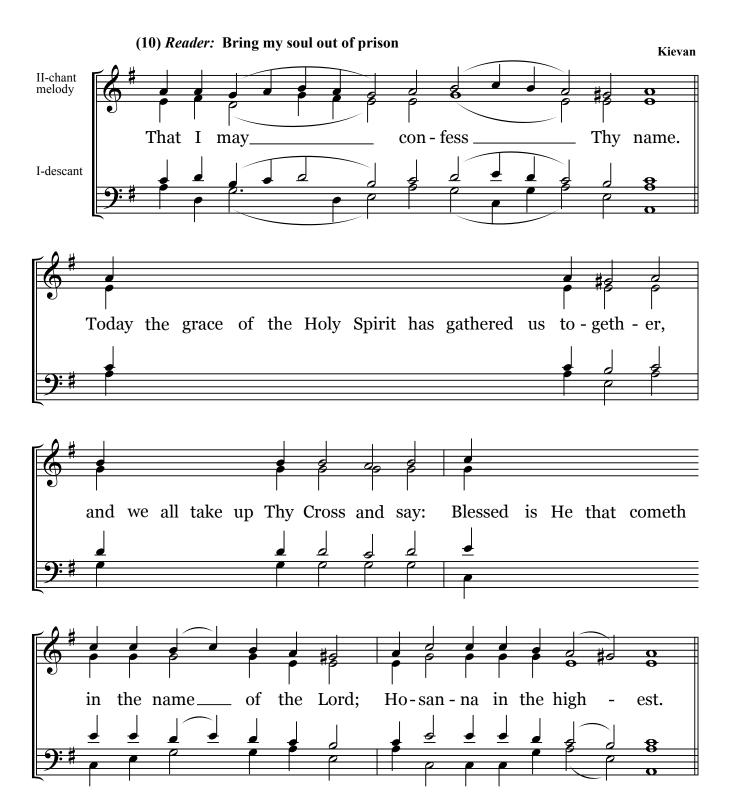
Palm Sunday: Great Vespers

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:

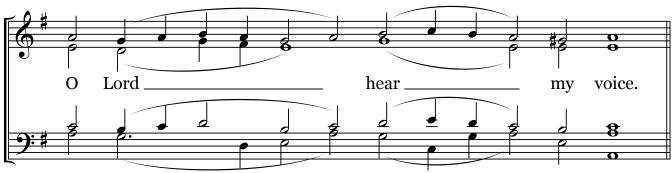


(9) Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me



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.

(8) Reader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;



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. /

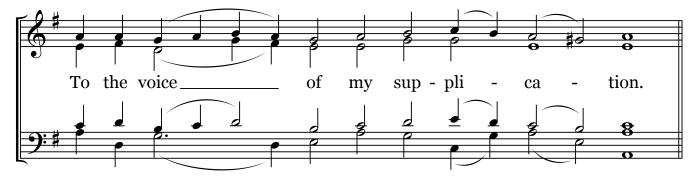
Then the children of the $\overline{\text{He}}$ brews, /

holding branches in their hand, praise Him saying: /

Hosanna in the $\overline{\text{high}}\text{est:}$ //

blessed is He that cometh, the $\overline{\text{King}}$ of Israel.

(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive



Repeat: "Today the Word..."

(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



Let us also come today, all the new \overline{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. /

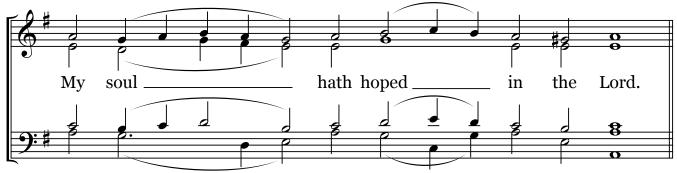
Keep feast with the children, /

and holding branches in your hands sing His praises: /

Hosanna in the $\overline{\text{high}}$ est; //

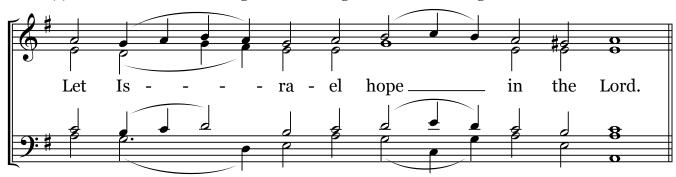
blessed is He that cometh, the King of Israel.

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



Repeat: "Let us also come today..."

(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



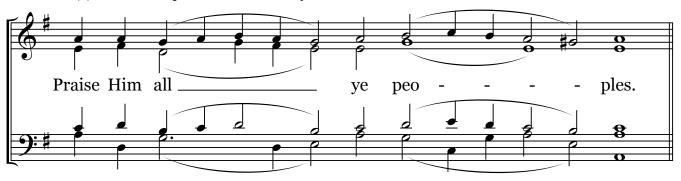
Prefiguring for us Thy holy Resurrection, O loving Lord, /
by Thy command Thou hast raised up from death Lazarus Thy friend, /
who was without the breath of life; /
and after four days in the tomb he had begun to stink. /
Then, O Savior, mounted on a foal, as though riding in a chariot, /
Thou hast given 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.

(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;



Repeat: "Prefiguring for us..."

(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



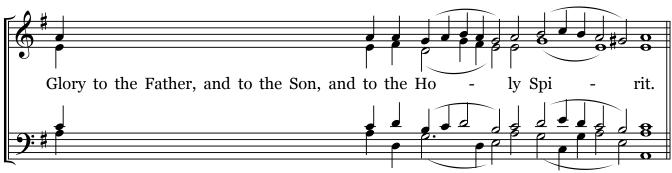
Six days before the Passover Jesus entered Bethany, /
and His disciples came to Him saying: /
"Lord where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover?" /
Then He sent them saying: "Go into the village opposite, /
and ye shall find a man bearing a pitcher of water; /
follow him, and tell the 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,



Repeat: "Six days before the Passover..."

Reader: Glory, in the same tone.



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.

Both now and ever and unto the a - - ges of a - ges. A-men.

Repeat: "Today the grace..."