

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

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II-chant melody

I-descant

That I may _____ con - fess _____ Thy name.

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us to - geth - 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.

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

Un - til Thou _____ shalt re - ward _____ me.

The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The text 'Un - til Thou' is under the first staff, 'shalt re - ward' is under the second staff, and 'me.' is under the third staff. There are long horizontal lines under 'Thou' and 're - ward' indicating a long note or a rest. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

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;

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 sup - pli - ca - tion.

Repeat: "Today the Word..."

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

For with Thee there is forgive - ness.

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..."

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

Let Is - - - - ra - el 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.

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

And He shall redeem Israel out of all _____ his in-iq - - ui-ties.

Repeat: "Prefiguring for us..."

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

Praise Him all ye peo - - - ples.

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 for-ev - - - er.

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

Reader: Glory, in the same tone.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

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.

Reader: Both now, in the same tone.

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

Repeat: "Today the grace..."

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