

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL - LITYA

TONE ONE

The All-Holy Spirit,
who taught the apostles to speak in strange and different
tongues,
now inspires the innocent children of the Hebrews to cry aloud:
Hosanna in the highest;
blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel.

SAME TONE

The Son and Word of the Father,
like Him without beginning and eternal,
has come today to the city of Jerusalem,
seated on a dumb beast, on a foal.
From fear the cherubim dare not gaze upon Him;
yet the children honour Him with palms and branches,
and mystically they sing a hymn of praise:
'Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna to the Son of David,
who has come to save from error all mankind.'

SAME TONE

Six days before the Passover, O Lord,
Thy voice was heard in the depths of hell,
and from it Thou hast raised up Lazarus who was four days
dead.
Then the children of Hebrews cried aloud:
'Hosanna to our God: glory to Thee!'

TONE TWO

Entering, O Lord, into the Holy City,
seated upon a foal,
Thou hast drawn near with haste unto Thy Passion,
to fulfil the Law and the Prophets.
Then the children of the Hebrews,
foretelling the victory of the Resurrection,
came to meet Thee with Palms and branches, saying:
'Blessed art Thou, O Saviour; have mercy upon us.'

SAME TONE

Glory be to Thee, O Christ,
who art seated in the heights upon Thy throne,
and whom we now await with Thy precious Cross.
Therefore the daughter of Zion is glad,
and the nations of the earth rejoice exceedingly.
The children hold branches and the disciples spread their
garments in the way;
and all the inhabited earth is taught to cry aloud to Thee:
Blessed art Thou, O Saviour; have mercy upon us.
Glory be to the Father... Both now...

TONE THREE

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany,
to call back Lazarus who was four days dead,
and to proclaim the coming Resurrection.
The women Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus, came to meet
Him, crying:
'Lord, if Thou hadst been here, our brother had not died.'
Then He answered them:
'Did I not say to you before:
He who believes in Me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live?
Show Me where ye have laid him.'
And the Maker of all cried unto him, 'Lazarus, come forth.'