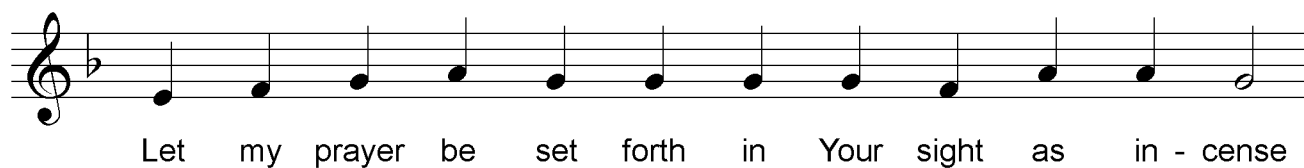
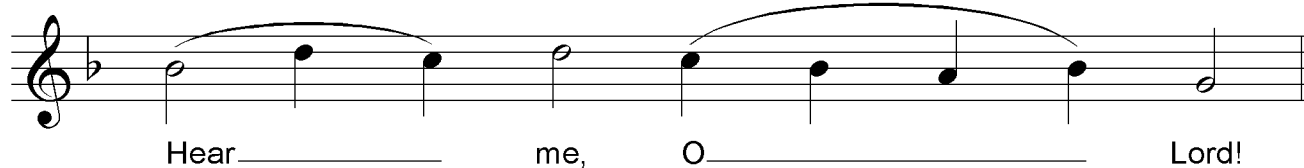
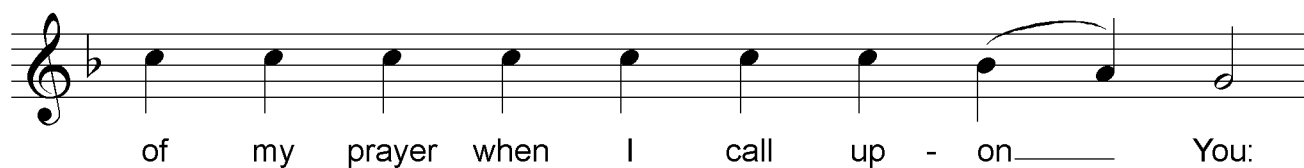
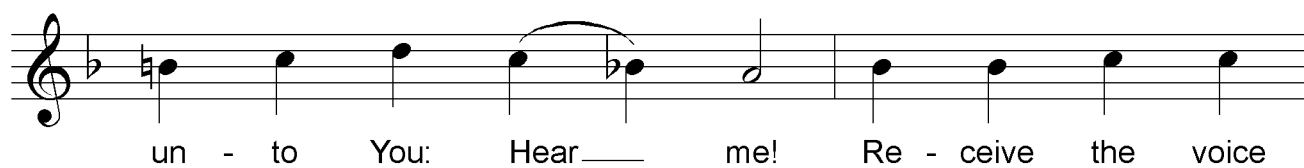
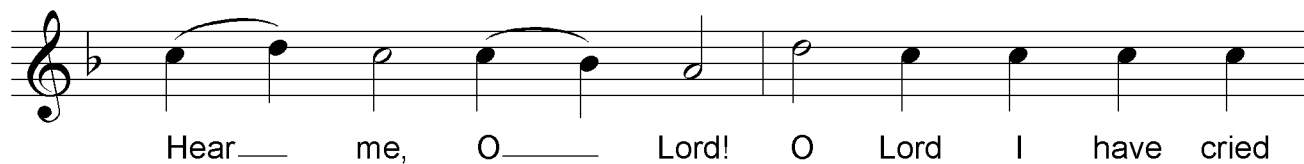


Palm Sunday Vesper Propers

Lord I Have Cried - Psalm 141

At Great Vespers we sing 10 stichera, all in Tone Six, repeating them all:



O _____ Lord!

Verse 1:

Bring my soul out of pri - son that _____ I _____ may _____
 praise _____ Your _____ Name.

Stichera 1:

To - day the grace of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
 has gath - ered us to - ge - ther and we all
 take up Your Cross and _____ say: 'Bless - ed is He
 that comes in the Name _____ of the Lord;
 Ho - san - na _____ in the high - - - - est!

Verse 2:



The right - eous will sur - round me, for You will
deal _____ boun - ti - ful - ly _____ with _____ me.

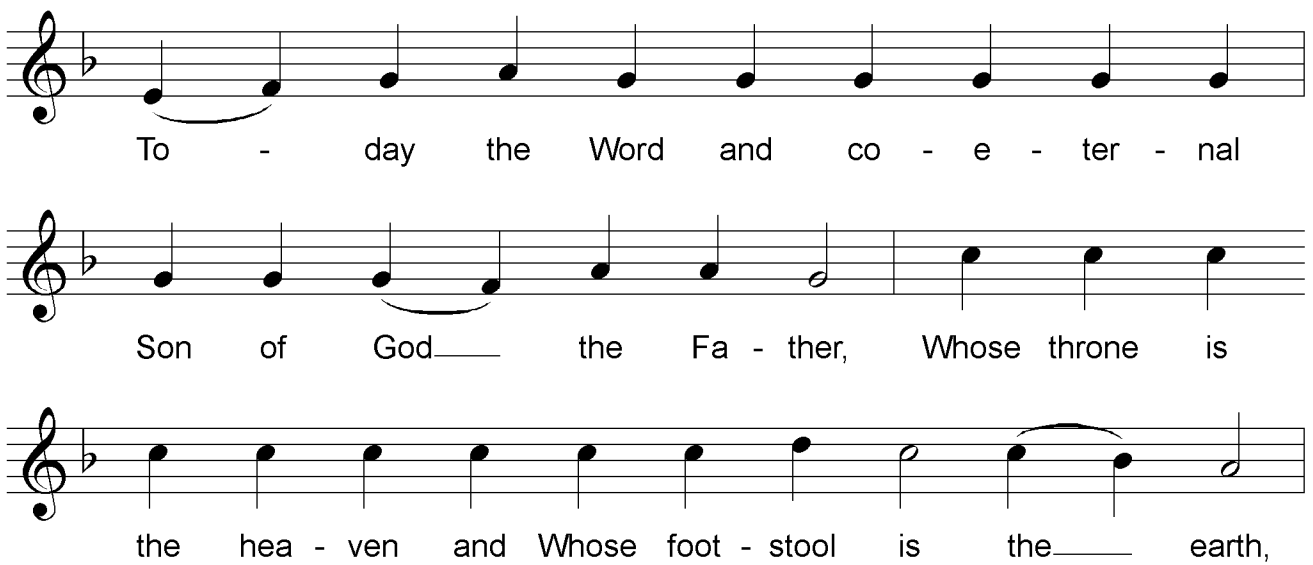
Stichera 2:
Repeat above sticera

Verse 3:



Out of the depths have I cried _____ to _____ You, _____
O _____ Lord, Lord _____ hear my voice.

Stichera 3:



To - day the Word and co - e - ter - nal
Son of God _____ the Fa - ther, Whose throne is
the hea - ven and Whose foot - stool is the _____ earth,



Hum - bles Him - self and comes to Beth - a - ny,



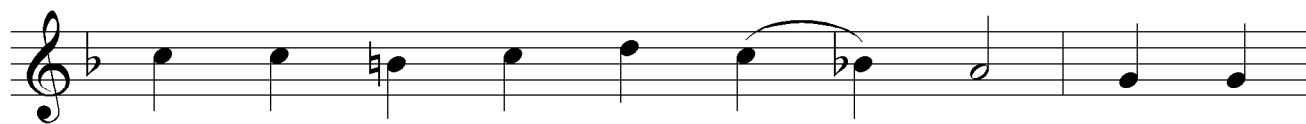
seat - ed on a dumb beast, on a foal.



Then the child - ren of the He - brews, hold - ing



branch - es in their — hands, praise Him say - ing:



'Ho - san - na in the high - est: Bless - ed



is He that — comes the King of Is - ra - el!"

Verse 4:



Let Your ear be at - ten - tive to — the —

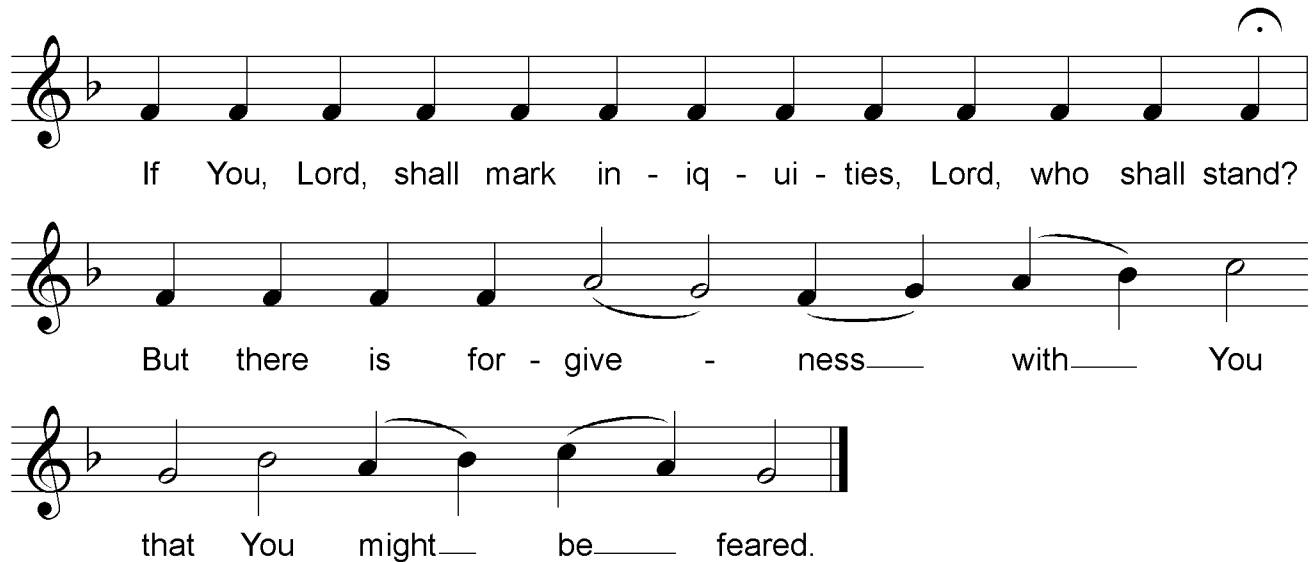


voice of my sup - pli - ca - tion.

Stichera 4:

Repeat above stichera

Verse 5:



If You, Lord, shall mark in - iq - ui - ties, Lord, who shall stand?
But there is for - give - ness with You
that You might be feared.

Stichera 5:



Let us al - so come to - day, all the new
Is - ra - el, the Church of the Gen - tiles,
and let us cry with the Pro - phet Zech -
a - ri - - - ah: Re - jice great - ly, O
daugh - ter of Zi - - on; shout a - loud,

O daugh - ter of Je - ru - sa - - - lem;

For be - hold your King comes un - to you:

He is meek and brings sal - va - - - tion,

and He rides up - on a _____ colt

the foal of a beast of bur - den.

Keep the feast with the child - - - ren,

and hold - ing branch - es in your hands sing His

prais - - es Ho - san - na in the

high - est; Bless - ed is He that _____

comes, the King of Is - ra - el!

Verse 6:

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His
 Word— do— I— hope my soul waits—
 for the Lord.

Stichera 6:

Repeat above stichera

Verse 7:

From the morn - ing watch un - til the night, from the morn - ing
 watch let— Is - ra - el hope— in the Lord.

Stichera 7:

Pre - fig - ur - ing for us Your ho - ly -

Re - sur - rec - tion, lov - ing Lord, by Your
com - mand You have raised up La - za - rus Your
friend from death, who was with - out
the breath of life; and af - ter four days
in the tomb he had be - gun to stick.
Then, O Sa - vior, mount - ed on a foal,
and as though rid - ing in a cha - ri - ot,
You have gi - ven a sign to the Gen - tiles.
There - fore Is - ra - el Your be - lov - ed

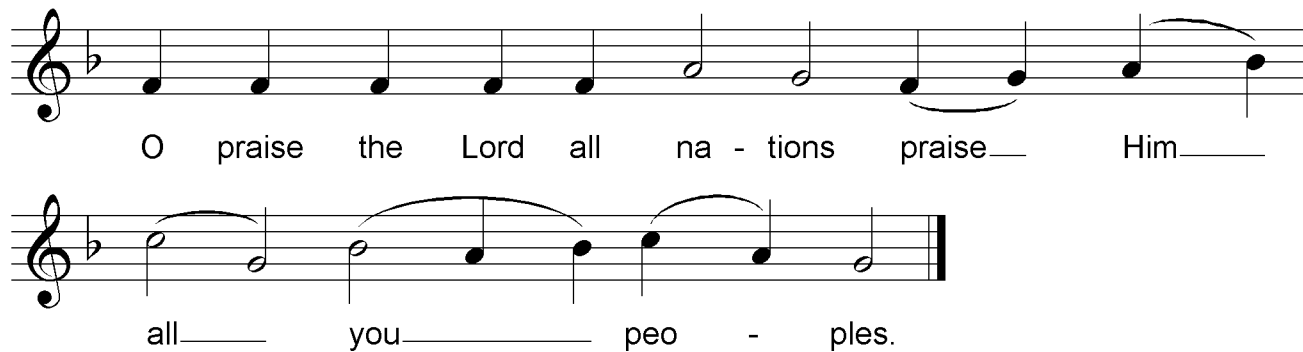
of - fers You praise out of the mouths
of in - no - cent babes and suck - lings,
as they be - hold you, O Christ, en - ter - ing
the Ho - ly ci - ty six days be - fore
the Pass - - - ov - - - er.

Verse 8:

For with the Lord there is mer - cy and with Him plen - te - ous
re - demp - tion and He shall re - deem — Is - ra - el
out of all his in - iq - ui - ties.

Stichera 8:
Repeat above stichera

Verse 9:



O praise the Lord all na - tions praise Him
all you peo - ples.

Stichera 9:



Six days be - fore the Pass - ov - er Je -
sus en - tered Beth - a - ny, and His dis -
ci - ples came to Him say - - - ing:
Lord, where do you wish for us to pre -
pare for You to eat the Pass - ov - er?
Then He sent them, say - ing: 'Go in - to

the vil - lage op - po - - site and you
 shall find a man bear - ing a pitch - er
 of wa - ter; flo - low him and tell
 the mas - ter of the house: The teach - er says
 in your house shall I eat the Pass - ov - er
 with my dis - ci - - - ples.'

Verse 10:

For He has made His mer - cy to pre - vail ov - er us
 and the truth of the Lord en - dures for -
 ev - er.

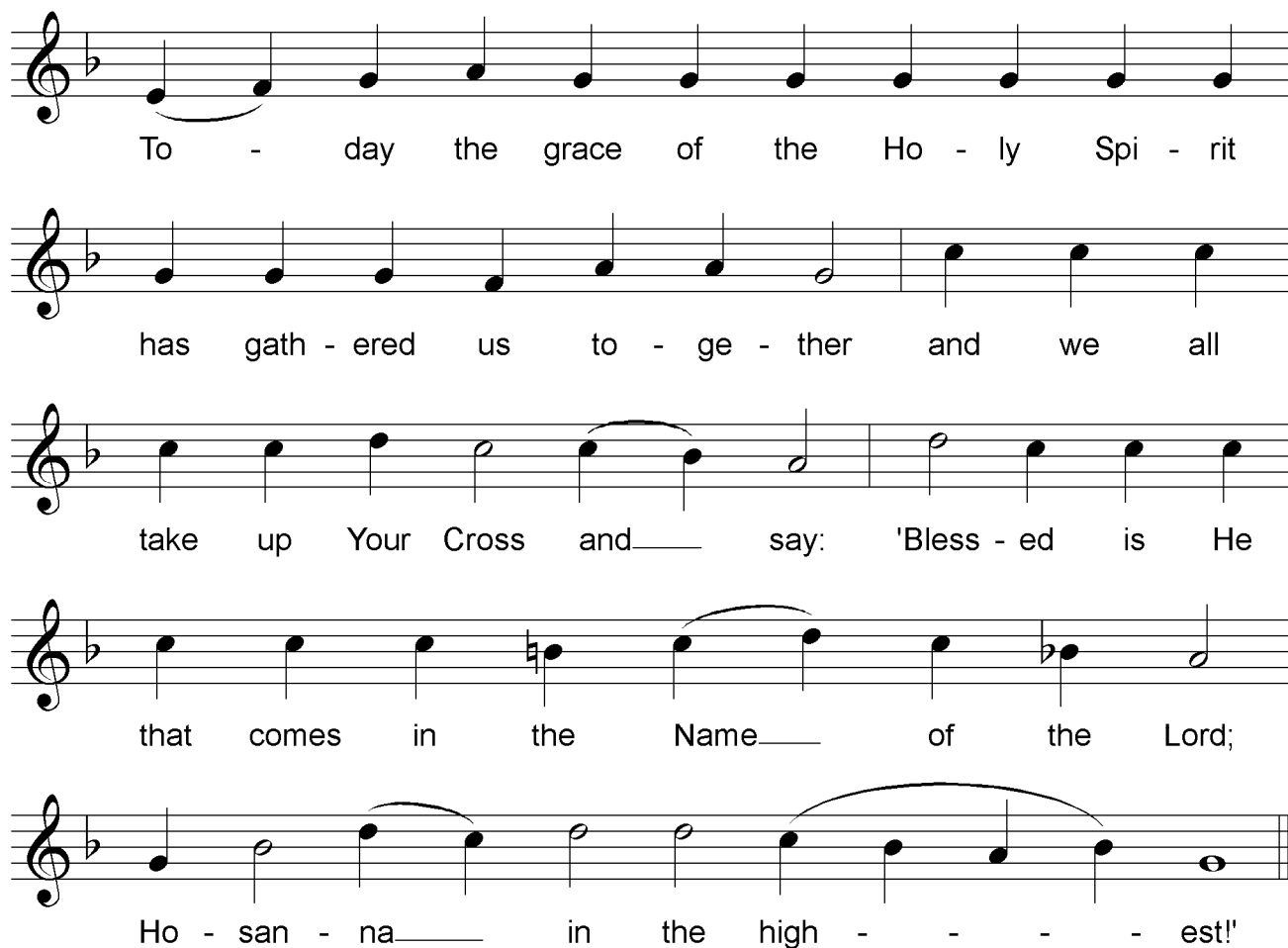
Stichera 10:
Repeat above stichera

Glory Verse:



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and
to the Ho - ly Spi - - - - rit.

Glory Stichera:



To - day the grace of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
has gath - ered us to - ge - ther and we all
take up Your Cross and say: 'Bless - ed is He
that comes in the Name of the Lord;
Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est!

Now and Ever Verse:

Now and ev - er - and _____
for - ev - er. A - men.

Now and Ever Stichera:

To - day the grace of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
has gath - ered us to - ge - ther and we all
take up Your Cross and say: 'Bless - ed is He
that comes in the Name of the Lord;
Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

And now the Entrance, O Gladsome Light, and the Prokimen for Saturday, "The Lord is King..."

The Old Testament Readings

Palm Sunday

Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12

Then Jacob called his sons, and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in days to come. Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob, and hearken to Israel your father. Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as a lioness; who dares rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes; his eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Zephaniah 3:14-19

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

Zechariah 9:9-15

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your captives free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will brandish your sons, O Zion, over your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet, and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; and they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.

The Litiya

Palm Sunday

At the Litiya, we sing 5 stichera along with the “Glory now and ever...”. Only the first stichera and the “Glory, now and ever” stichera are set forth below in music. The remainder are provided marked to be sung if so desired.

In Tone 1

The All - Ho - ly Spi - rit, who taught
the dis - ci - ples to speak in strange and
dif - fer - ent tongues, now in - spires the
in - no - cent child - ren of the He - brews to
cry a - loud: Ho - san - na in the
high - - - est; Bless - ed is He that comes,
the King of Is - ra - - - el!

IN TONE ONE

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 honor 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, / Your voice was heard in the depths of hell, / and from it You have raised up Lazarus who was four days dead. / Then the children of the Hebrews cried aloud: /// Hosanna to our God: glory to You!

TONE TWO

Entering, O Lord, into the Holy City, / seated upon a foal, You have drawn near with haste unto Your Passion, / to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. / Then the children of the Hebrews, foretelling the victory of the Resurrection, / came to meet You with palms and branches, saying: /// 'Blessed are You, O Savior; have mercy upon us.

SAME TONE

Glory be to You, O Christ, / who is seated in the heights upon Your throne, / and whom we now await with Your 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 You: /// Blessed are You, O Savior, have mercy upon us.

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, stepwise line. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, now and ev - er and for - - - ev - - - er. A - men.'

Six — days be - fore the Pass - ov - er Je - sus

came to Be - - tha - ny to call back

La - za - rus who was four days — dead,

and to pro - claim the com - ing Re - sur -

rec - - - tion. The wo - men Mar - tha

and Ma - ry, sis - ters of La - za - rus,

came to meet Him cry - ing — out:

'Lord, if You had been here our bro - ther

would not have died.' Then He an - swered them:

'Did I not say to you be - fore:

He who be - lieves in me, though he dies, he

will live? Show Me where you have laid him'

And the Ma - ker of all cried un - to him,

'La - za - rus come forth.'

The Aposticha

Palm Sunday

In Tone 8

Stichera 1:

Re - jice and be glad, O ci - ty of _____

Zi - - - on; ex - ult and be ex - ceed - ing

joy - ful, O Church of _____ God. For be - hold,

your King has come in right - eous - ness seat - ed

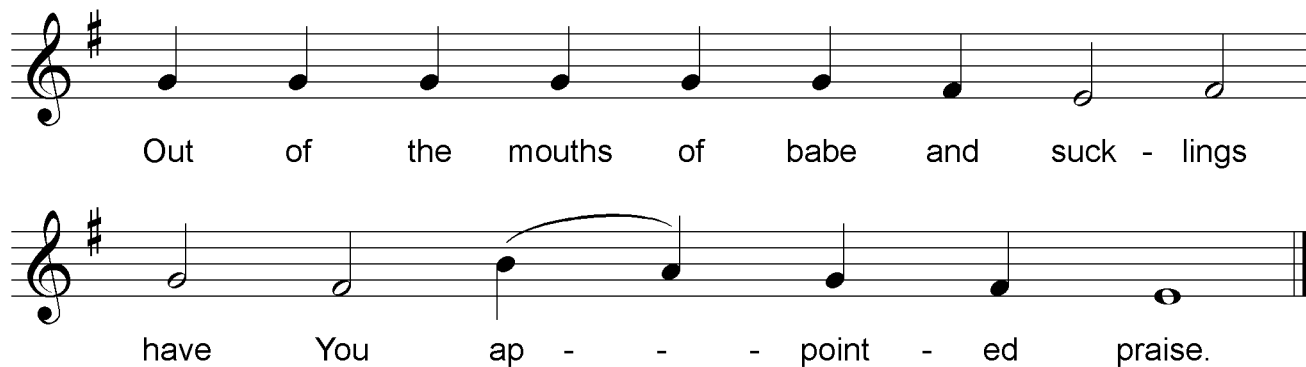
on _____ a _____ foal, and the child - ren sing

His prais - - - es: Ho - san - na in

the high - est! Bless - ed are You Who shows

great com - pas - sion: have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

Verse 1:



Out of the mouths of babe and suck - lings
have You ap - - - point - ed praise.

Stichera 2:



The Sa - vior has come to - day to the
ci - ty of Je - ru - sa - lem, to ful - fill
the scrip - - - tures; and all have
ta - ken palms in - to their hands and spread their
gar - ments be - fore Him, know - ing that
He is our God to Whom the

che - ru - bim sing with - out ceas - ing:

Ho - - - san - na in the high - - - est!

Bless - ed are You who shows great com - pas - sion

have mer - cy up - on us.

Verse 2:

O Lord, our Lord, how won - der - ful is

Your Name in all the earth.

Stichera 3:

O You Who rides on the che - ru - bim

and is praised by the ser - a - phim

You have sat, O gra - cious Lord, like

Da - vid on a foal, and the chil - dren

hon - ored You with praise fit - ting God;

but the Jews blas - phemed un - law - ful - ly

a - - - gainst You. Your ri - ding on a

foal pre - fig - ured how the Gen - - - tiles,

as yet un - tamed and un - in - struct - ed, were

to pass from un - be - lief to faith

Glo - ry to You, O Christ, Who a - long are

mer - ci - ful and loves man - kind.

In Tone 6

Glory Verse:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and
to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Glory Stichera:

To - day the grace of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
has gath - ered us to - ge - ther and we all
take up Your Cross and say: 'Bless - ed is He
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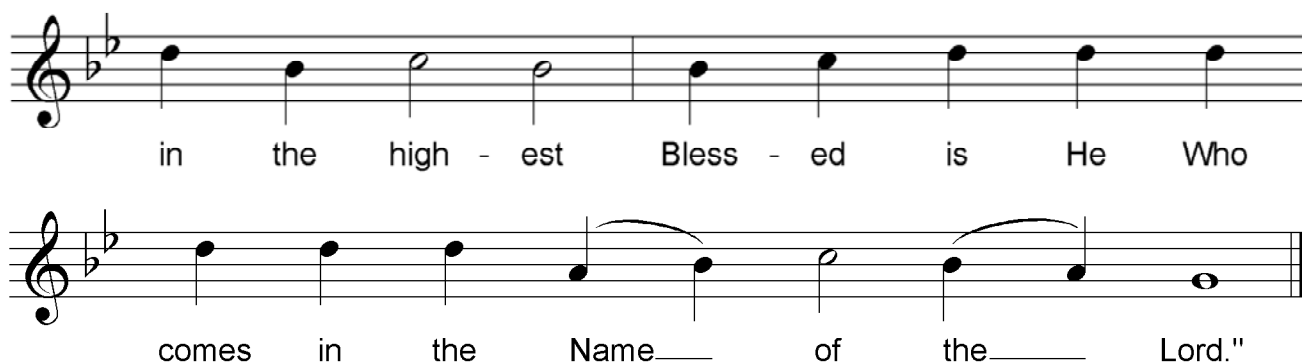
Now and Ever Stichera:
Repeat above stichera

Palm Sunday Tropar

Tone 1

We sing the Tropar for Palm Sunday three times while the wheat, wine and oil are incensed.

O Christ our God, You confirmed the
Re - sur - rec - tion of all be - fore
the time of Your Pas - sion by
rais - ing La - za - rus from the dead.
There - fore, we as the chil - dren of
Is - ra - el car - ry the sym - bols of
vic - to - ry and cry out to You, the
Con - quer - er of death Ho - san - na



Blessing of Palms and Willows

If it is the tradition of the parish to bless the palms and willows on the eve of the Feast, the prayer is set forth here:

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Cantor: Lord have mercy

Priest: O Lord our God, who sits upon the cherubim, You have reaffirmed Your power and sent out Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His Cross, Burial and Resurrection. When He drew near to Jerusalem for His voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and the shadow of death took, as tokens of victory, boughs of trees and branches of palms, thus foretelling His Resurrection. Do the same, O Master, keep and preserve us also, who, following their example, on this eve of the Feast carry in our hands palms and branches, and who like the crowds and the children cry to You, 'Hosanna!' With hymns and spiritual songs may we attain the life-giving Resurrection on the third day: through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Cantor: Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the palms with holy water, saying:

Priest: These palms are blessed by the grace of the All-Holy Spirit, through sprinkling with this holy water: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen (three times).