

Vesper Propers, Evening of March 24
Palm (Flowery) Sunday
Eve of the Feast of the ANNUNCIATION

Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the first sticheron (Tone 6, page 82).

Cantor: Bring my soul out of this prison
(on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen

(10) (9)

Ga - bri - el stood be - fore you, O Maid-en, re - veal - ing the plan from of old.

He greet - ed you and said: Re - joice, Unsown Land; rejoice, Un - burnt Bush;

re - joice, Un - fath - 'ma - ble Depth; re - joice, Bridge lead - ing to heav - en

and Lad - der raised on high whom Ja - cob saw; re - joice, Divine Jar of Man - na;

re - joice, Re - lease from the curse; re - joice, Restoration of Ad - am,

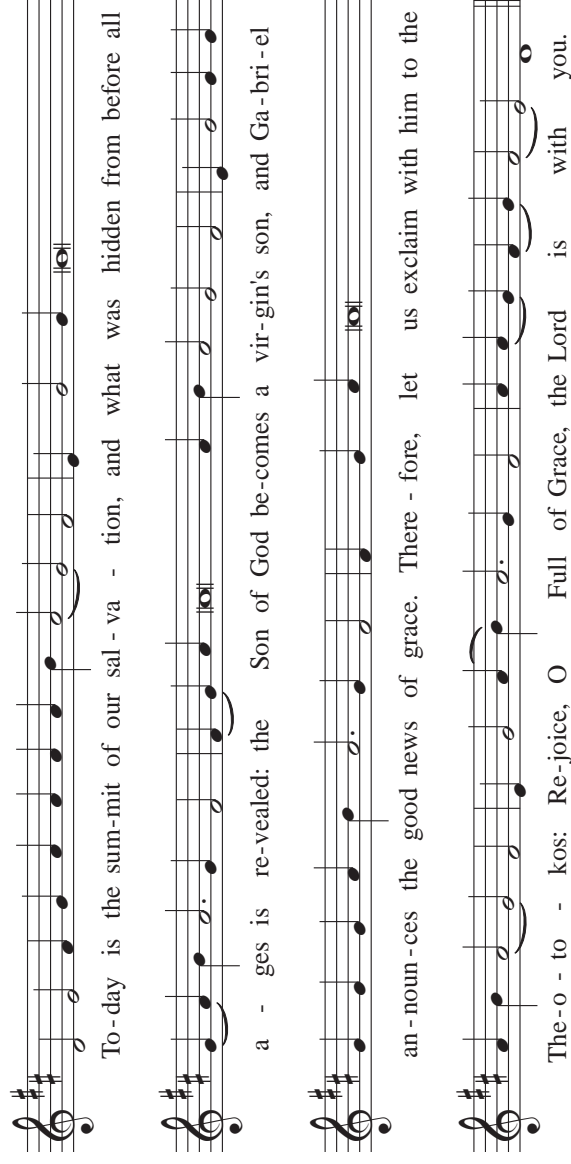
the Lord is with you.

Cantor: Around me the just will assemble
(on 9) because of your goodness to me. (All repeat "Gabriel stood before you, O Maiden....")

Troparia

The troparion of the feast is sung once by the priest, and twice by the people:

Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4



To-day is the sum-mit of our sal - va - tion, and what was hid - den from be - fore all
 a - ges is re - vealed: the Son of God be - comes a vir - gin's son, and Ga - bri - el
 an - noun - ces the good news of grace. There - fore, let us exclaim with him to the
 The - o - to - kos: Re - joyce, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessing of Bread, p. 119.

(6) (5)



The bod - i - less one said: When - ever God so wills, the order of na - ture is
 o - ver - come, and su - pernatural things are ac - com - plished. Be - lieve
 that what I say is true, all holy and all spot - less one. She cried out: Let it be
 done to me ac - cord - ing to your word and I will give birth to the fleshless one who
 bor - rows flesh from me, for he alone is able, by shar - ing in it,
 to re - store hu - man na - ture to its an - cient dig - ni - ty.

Cantor:
 (on 5)

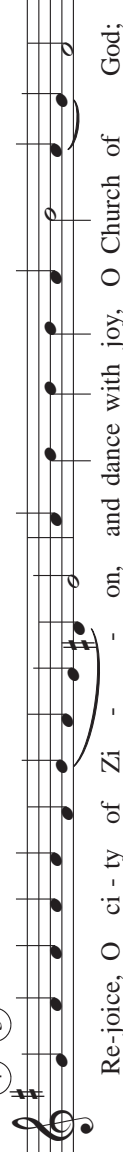
My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
 My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
 (All repeat "The bodiless one said...")

Cantor:
 (on 4)

(Tone 8) Let the watchman count on daybreak
 and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of Palm Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen

(4) (3)



Re - joyce, O ci - ty of Zi - on, and dance with joy, O Church of God;

for be-hold your King comes to you in meekness and hu-mil-i - ty; the chil-dren
wel-come him and sing: Ho-san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed are you, O
Com-pas-sion-ate Lord. Have mer - cy on us!

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (All repeat "Rejoice, O city of Zion...")

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalms 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

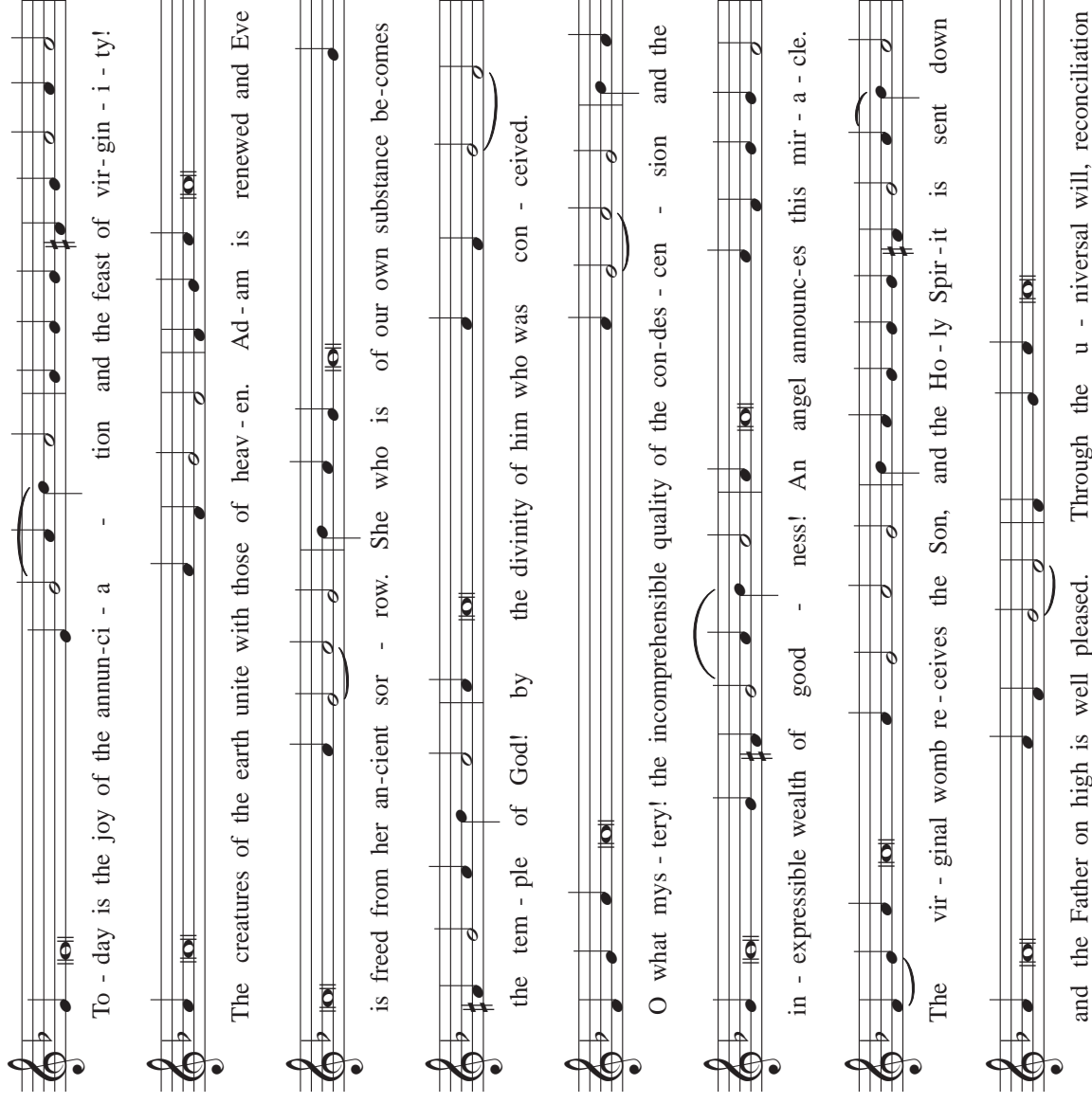
The Sav - ior has come into the city of Je - ru - sa - lem to - day to ful - fill the
Scrip - tures. See the peo - ple spread their garments a - long the way; they car - ry
palms and branch - es in their hands, and re - cognize that he in - deed is our God.
And the cher - ubim sing to him un - ceas - ing - ly: bless - ed are you,
O com - pas - sion - ate Lord; have mer - cy on us!

is ac-com-plished for all. Let us, who have been saved in it and through it,
sing with Gabriel to the Vir-gin: Re - joice, O Full of Grace! For our sal - va-tion,
Christ our God took nature from you and joined it to him - self. There-fore,
im - plore him to save our souls.

The service continues with the *Prayer of Simeon*, p. 19

Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen



To - day is the joy of the annun - ci - a - - tion and the feast of vir - gin - i - ty!
The creatures of the earth unite with those of heav - en. Ad - am is renewed and Eve
is freed from her an - cient sor - row. She who is of our own substance be - comes
the tem - ple of God! by the divinity of him who was con - ceived.
O what mys - tery! the incomprehensible quality of the con - des - cen - sion and the
in - expressible wealth of good - ness! An angel announc - es this mir - a - cle.
The vir - ginal womb re - ceives the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it is sent down
and the Father on high is well pleased. Through the u - niversal will, reconciliation

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

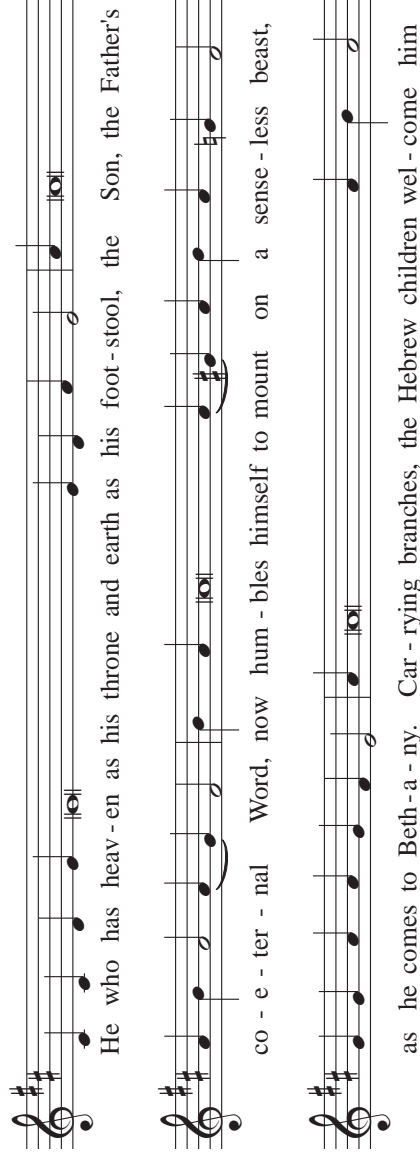
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You are seat - ed upon the throne of the cher - u - bim and are praised by the
ser - a - phim; as did Da - vid, you rode up - on an ass. The chil - dren praise
you as God; the Phar - isees blaspheme you un - just - ly; and your rid - ing
up - on the colt shows forth the conversion of the pa - - - gans.
O on - ly Lover of hu - man - i - ty and com - pas - sion - ate Lord: glo - ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen



He who has heav - en as his throne and earth as his foot - stool, the Son, the Father's
co - e - ter - nal Word, now hum - bles himself to mount on a sense - less beast,
as he comes to Beth - a - ny. Car - rying branches, the Hebrew children wel - come him

and say: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who is
com - ing, the King of Is - ra - el.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlase

The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin
to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to
Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:

How can the One Who Is incomprehen - si - ble in the high - est
be born of a vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his foot - stool,
and in a wom - an's womb he is con - tained. The six - winged seraphim and the

Fa - ther; the proph - ets pro - claim him as the Son who shall come to ful - fill
the proph - e - cies; the chil - dren praise him and sing out: Ho - san - na to the
Son of Da - vid; bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Aposticha doxastikon of Palm Sunday - Tone 2 samohlase

Pass - ing from the feast of palms and branch - es, O faith - ful, to the ven - er - a - ble
and saving solemnity of the suf - frings of Christ, let us be - hold him
who voluntarily endures his Pas - sion for us, and in thanks - giv - ing, let
us sing: O Foun - tain of mercy and Harbor of sal - va - tion,
O Lord, glo - ry to you!

2

It is awe - some to fall into the hands of the liv - ing God! For he
 judg - es our thoughts and the se - crets of our hearts; let no one test his
 ir - reproach - a - ble fi - del - i - ty! But in fear and hu - mility, let us
 go to Christ and be - seech his help and great mer - cy.

Cantor

Tone 7 samohlase

All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of our God.

3

O Je - ru - salem, light your lamp to wel - come the Lord who shall come like
 the Bridegroom in the mid - dle of the night; he shall re - new his covenant with you,
 O new Zi - on, through the tes - ta - ment that you shall in - her - it. For he
 shall not suf - fer outside your walls, O Je - ru - sa - lem. He is the One sent by the

many-eyed cherubim cannot look up - on him; yet, with a single word, he has been
 pleased to take on flesh. He re - mains the Word of God.
 Why do I stand still and not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the
 Lord is with you; Re - joice, pure Vir - gin; re - joice, Un - wed - ded Bride;
 re - joice, Moth - er of Life; bless - ed is the fruit of your womb.

Prokeimenon of Sunday evening (p. 114).

Readings:

- Genesis 28:10-17 (EOT 304)
- Ezekiel 43:27-44; 4 (EOT 305)
- Proverbs 9:1-11 (EOT 305)

Litija

Tone 1 Bolhar

In the sixth month, the lead - er of the heav - en - ly ar - mies was sent to you,
 O ho - ly Vir - gin, to an - nounce the word of sal - va - tion to you and say:

Re - joi - ce, O woman full of grace, the Lord is with you! You shall give birth
 to the Son who was begotten of the Father be - fore all a - ges. He is the
 One who will save his peo - ple from their sins.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 2 Bolhar

To - day Ga - bri - el an - nounc - es the good news to the wo - man
 full of grace: Re - joi - ce, Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock;
 do not fear the strange - ness of my ap - pear - ance, for I am an
 arch - an - gel. For - mer - ly the serpent was the cause of grief un - to Eve,
 but now it is great joy that I an - nounce: you shall re - main

a virgin and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

Litany of the Litiija, p. 116

Aposticha

1 Pass - ing from the feast of palms and branch - es, O faith - ful, to the ven - er - a - ble
 and saving solemnity of the suf - frings of Christ, let us be - hold him
 who voluntarily endures his Pas - sion for us, and in thanks - giv - ing, let
 us sing: O Foun - tain of mercy and Harbor of sal - va - tion,
 O Lord, glo - ry to you!

Cantor
 Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked won - ders.