

Vespers – Supplementary sheet for Saturday 24th April 2021
Palm Sunday

Today we commemorate

We were buried with you through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling you we cry aloud, ‘Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ St. Macedonius, patriarch of Constantinople (516). New martyrs Emmanuel, Theodore, Gregory, Michael and the other Gregory at Macre of Alexandropoulos.

British Isles and Ireland

St. Macaille, bishop of Croghan (489). St. Mella, abbess of Doire-Melle (c.780). St. Keby of Cornwall (4th C.).

Lord, I have cried...

Ten stichera for Palm Sunday

In Tone 6

Bring my soul out of prison to give thanks to your name, O Lord.

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has brought us together. And all of us take up your Cross and say to you: ‘Blessed are you, the one who is coming in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!’

The righteous shall wait for me, until you reward me.

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Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

God the Father’s co-eternal Son and Logos who has heaven as a throne and the earth as a footstool modestly sat on an irrational colt today when he came to Bethany. Therefore the Hebrew children with branches in hand extolled him and cried, ‘Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, the King of Israel!’

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

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If you, O Lord, should mark transgression, O Lord, who would stand? For there is forgiveness with you.

Let us also come today, all the new Israel, the Church of the Gentiles, and with the Prophet Zechariah let us exclaim, ‘Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Proclaim it aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! For behold, your King comes to you. He is gentle and saving, and mounted upon a foal, the son of a donkey.’

Celebrate with the children, and with branches in hand extol him, ‘Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, the King of Israel!’

Because of your law, O Lord, I waited for you; my soul waited for your word. My soul hopes in the Lord.

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From the morning watch until night; from the morning watch until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Prefiguring for us your divine Resurrection, O Good One, by your command you raised a dead man from the grave, Lazarus, your friend who had ceased breathing and was four days dead and smelling. Then you symbolically rode upon the foal, carried as if on a chariot, and indicating the Gentiles, O Saviour. Therefore Israel, your beloved, offers you praise from the mouths of nursing infants and innocent babies as they see you, O Christ, entering the Holy City, six days before the Passover.

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is abundant redemption; and he shall redeem Israel from all his transgressions.

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Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; praise him, all you peoples.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany. Then his disciples approached him and said to him, ‘Lord, where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?’ And he answered them, ‘Go into the village opposite you, and you will find a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him, and tell the master of the house, “The Teacher says, I shall keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”’

For His mercy rules over us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

Doxastikon – For Palm Sunday in Tone 6

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has brought us together. And all of us take up your Cross and say to you, ‘Blessed are you, the one who is coming in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!’

...both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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The Readings

The Reading is from the book of Genesis [49:1-2,8-12]

Then Jacob called his sons and said to them, “Gather yourselves together so that I may tell you what shall happen to you in the last days. Gather yourselves together and listen to me, sons of Jacob; listen to Israel; listen to your father.” ... Judah, may your brothers praise you: your hands on the backs of your enemies, your father’s sons shall bow before you. Judah is a lion cub; from a tender plant, my son, you have grown up. You have lain down, you slept like a lion; and like a lion cub, who shall wake him? A ruler shall not be wanting from Judah, nor a prince from his loins, until the things stored up for him appear, and he is the hope of the nations. Tying his foal to the vine, and the foal of his donkey to its branch, he shall wash his robe in wine and his garment in the blood of the grape. His eyes shall be brightened with wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

The Reading is from the prophet Zephaniah [3:14-19]

Rejoice, daughter of Zion; shout aloud, daughter of Jerusalem; rejoice and be glad with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord has taken away your sins; he has redeemed you from the hand of your enemies. The Lord, the King of Israel, is in the midst of you. You shall see evil no more. At that time the Lord shall say to Jerusalem, “Be of good courage, O Zion; do not let your hands be slack.” The Lord your God is in the midst of you; the Mighty One shall save you. He shall bring joy upon you, and renew you with his love; and he shall rejoice over you with delight as on a day of feasting. And I will gather your afflicted ones. Alas! Who has taken up a reproach against her? Behold, I will work among you for your sake at that time, says the Lord, and I will save her who was oppressed, and accept her who was rejected; and I will make them an object of praise, and honoured in all the earth.

The Reading is from the prophet Zechariah [9:9-15]

Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion; proclaim aloud, daughter of Jerusalem. Look! – your King is coming, he who is righteous and saving. He is meek, and riding on an donkey, on a young foal. He shall take away the chariots from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; and the bow of war shall be removed. There shall be abundance and peace from the nations; and he shall have dominion over the waters as far as the sea, and over the rivers to the ends of the earth. And you, by the blood of your covenant, have sent out

your prisoners from the pit which has no water. You shall live in strongholds, you prisoners of the assembly; and for each day of your captivity will I will repay you double. For I have drawn you to me like a bow, Judah; I have filled Ephraim, and I shall raise up your children, Zion, against the children of the Greeks, and handle them like the sword of a warrior. And the Lord shall be over them; and his arrow shall go like lightning. And the Lord Almighty shall blow the trumpet, and go forward with an uproar of menace. The Lord Almighty shall defend them, and they shall destroy them and overwhelm them with sling-shot; and they shall swallow them down like wine, and fill the altar like bowls.

Lord, have mercy. *(40x)*

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.
Amen.

Aposticha

For Palm Sunday in Tone 8

Rejoice and be glad, O city of Zion; rejoice and leap for joy, O Church of God. For behold, your King has come in righteousness, seated on a foal, and by children extolled, ‘Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you who have an abundance of tender mercies. Have mercy on us.’

From the mouths of babies and nursing infants you prepared praise.

The Saviour came today to the city of Jerusalem to fulfill the Scripture. And everyone took branches of palm trees, and spread their garments on the road for him, recognizing that he is our God to whom the Cherubim unceasingly sing, ‘Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you who have an abundance of tender mercies. Have mercy on us.’

O Lord, our Lord, how wondrous is your name in all the earth.

O Good One, you ride on the Cherubim, and you are praised by the Seraphim. And now you rode on a foal, like David said, and children extolled you as God. The Jews blasphemed, in violation of the Law. Your sitting on the foal prefigured that untamed Gentiles would be converted from unbelief to faith. Glory to you, O Christ; only you are merciful and love humanity.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

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Apolytykia

For Palm Sunday in Tone 1

To confirm the general resurrection before your Passion you resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to you, the Victor over death, ‘Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’

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