The grace of the Holy Spirit today has assembled us. Taking up Your Cross we sing: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! // Hosanna in the highest!”

Today the Word of God the Father, the Co-equal Son, Whose throne is heaven and Whose footstool is earth,

[humbles Himself . . .]
humbles Himself and comes from Beth-a-ny, riding on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass. The children of the Hebrews hold branches in their hands. They praise Him crying out:

"Hosanna in the highest!// Blessed is He that comes, the King of Is-ra-el!"
Sticheron 3

O new Israel, church of the Gentiles, assemble today and sing with the Prophet Zechariah: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you! He is meek, bearing salvation. He rides on the [colt of an ass]."
colt of an ass.” Celebrate with the children, holding palms

in your hands: “Hosanna in the highest!”

Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel!”

Sticheron 4

By Your command, O Loving Lord, You have raised

Lazarus, Your friend, from death. His flesh had been given

[over to corruption.]
over to corruption. He was in the power of death four days. By this, You have foretold Your holy Resurrection for us. Today, You mount an untamed colt as Your chariot, foretelling the conversion of the Gentiles. Your beloved Israel offers You a hymn of praise

[from the mouths of...]
from the mouths of innocent children, as they see You

enter the Holy City, O Christ, // six days before the

Feast of Pass-o-Ver.

Six days before the Feast of Pass-o-Ver Jesus entered

Beth-a-ny. His disciples asked Him: “Where should we

[prepare for You . . . ]
prepare for You to eat the Pass-over?" He answered:

“When you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the master of the house:

'The Teacher says to you: // Here I shall eat the Passover
with my disciples."