Stichera at the Litya
Triodion - The Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem

The Holy Spirit taught the Apostles to speak in many strange languages. He also inspired the innocent Hebrew children to sing: "Ho-sa-nna in the high-est! // Blessed is He that comes, the King of Is-ra-el!"

The Word of God Who has no be-gin-ning: the Father’s Co-e-

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ter-nal Son, to-day comes to the city of Je-ru-sa-lem,

enthroned on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass. The Cher-ub-im

are a-fraid to gaze up-on Him, yet the children honor Him with

palms and branch-es. The Spir-it in-spires their song of

praise: "Hosanna in the highest! Ho-san-na to Da-vid’s Son,

[Who has come . . . ]
Who has come to save mankind from error!"

Six days before the Feast of Passover, Thy voice resounded in the depths of hell, O Lord, raising Lazarus who had been dead four days. Then the children of the Hebrews danced and sang: // "Hosanna to our God! Glory to Thee!"
Thou hast entered the Holy City, O Lord, riding on the colt of an ass, hastening to Thy Passion, that the Law and the Prophets might be fulfilled. The Hebrew children greeted Thee with palms and branch-es, heralding Thy victorious Resurrection. //

Blessed art Thou, O Savior! Have mercy on us!
Glo-ry to Thee, O Christ, en-throned on high! To-day we lift up Thy pre-cious Cross, as we await Thy coming in glo-ry. The daughter of Zi-on is glad; all na-tions on earth re-joice; the children wave branches; the disciples make a car-pet of clothes. All the ends of the earth learn to cry to Thee: // [Blessed art Thou . . .]
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Six days before the Feast of Passover Jesus came to Bethany. He restored Lazarus to life, announcing the coming resurrection. Martha and Mary met Him, crying:

"Lord, if Thou hadst been here, our brother would not have died!"

vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
But Jesus answered them, “Have I not already told you:

If anyone believes in me, even if he dies, he shall live?

Show me the place where you buried him!” // Then the Creator of all cried out to him: “Lazarus, come forth!”