



## WORDS SPOKEN & UNSPOKEN

**H**oly Week, also referred to as Passion Week, is full of twists and turns. Jesus goes from His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to being crucified on a Cross amongst common criminals. As our Lord's Passion unfolds, there are many people who are involved. While some characters **SILENTLY** play out their roles, others make bold **VERBAL** statements.

Let us begin with those whose ACTIONS speak so loudly that words are not needed:

- \* The unnamed woman who anointed Jesus with precious perfume.
- \* Barabbas, the prisoner released at the expense of Christ.
- \* Simon of Cyrene, who without complaining, endured the painful carrying of the Cross.
- \* Women like Mary Magdalene and Salome, who silently observed where their dead Master was laid.

Then there are those who made SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS, highlighting this drama:

- \* Peter, who boastfully said “Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be.”
- \* Judas, whose betrayal is summed up in one word: “Rabbi!”
- \* Pontius Pilate, who mockingly asked “Are you the King of the Jews?”
- \* The Crowd, who turned on Jesus and screams “Crucify Him!”

Mixed in are the MEMORABLE REMARKS of Jesus:

- \* “One of you who eats with Me will betray Me.”
- \* “Take, eat; This is My Body. This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many.”
- \* “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

So many important things occur during this Holy Week. As we observe the Lord’s sorrowful suffering, let us carefully listen to the saving words of our Saviour. Let us realize the magnitude of pain our Saviour endured to save us from sin.

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**The First Antiphon**

**The Second Antiphon**

**S**ave us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt.  
We sing to You, Alleluia.

**The Third Antiphon**

**Apolytikion of the Feast.**

**T**o 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."

**The Small Entrance**

**B**lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You, Alleluia.

**Hymns After the Small Entrance.**

**Apolytikion.**

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**Another.**

**W**e 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."

**Kontakion.**

**I**n heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, \* You were carried, O Christ our God; \* and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children,

4 You received as they cried to You, \* "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

**Trisagion Hymn**

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**The Readings**

**Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9**

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Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel: Jn. 12:1-18**

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Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he

had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

**The Great Entrance**

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**The Creed**

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**Hymn to the Theotokos**

**G**od is the Lord, and He appeared to us. \* O Christians, appoint a feast, and with exultant joy \* come and let us magnify the Christ, \* waving our palm-leaves and branches, crying aloud in hymns: \* "Blessed is the One who comes \* in the name of the Lord our Savior."

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Communion Prayers**

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*(Read aloud by the Congregation)*

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown and make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen. How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall

be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me. Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of future life and Kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper. I will not reveal your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief, I confess to You: Lord, Remember me in Your Kingdom.

**Communion Hymn**

**P**raise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

*Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion come forward quietly and reverently at the direction of the ushers.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion can be found on pages 40--42.

**Hymn after Holy Communion**

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**The Dismissal**

**B**lessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and to the ages.

  
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