

# The Liturgy of the Palms

## Adapted for use in the home

*The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried are gathered for a procession either around the perimeter of your dwelling or through the rooms of your house. Please distribute the greenery to be used after the reading and the prayer of blessing. Choose one person to be the Presider. The following is said all standing:*

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Participants: *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Presider: Let us pray

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Here the Presider or another person appointed reads the following:*

Year A: Matthew 21: 1-11

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Presider: The Word of the Lord  
Participants: *Thanks be to God*

*The Presider then says the following blessing:*

Presider:           The Lord be with you.

Participants:       *And also with you.*

Presider:           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Participants:       *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider prays:    It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

*The following anthem is said:*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna in the highest!*

*Please distribute the greenery and begin your procession.*

### ***The Procession***

Presider:           Let us go forth in peace.

Participants:       *In the name of Christ. Amen*

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and shout loud Hosannas and words of blessing. Remember that Jesus is coming triumphantly into Jerusalem and into your dwelling. Shouts of Hail King Jesus and Blessed is the King are appropriate. At a suitable place, the procession may halt and the following Collect is prayed.*

Presider:        Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We now invite you to view the full Palm Sunday liturgy, which will premiere on our YouTube channel at 10am. The video will also be available for viewing at any time.