



ANGLICAN CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

# PALM SUNDAY

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS



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*When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. Palms or other branches to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people as they arrive, or after the prayer of blessing.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem is said or sung.*

*Celebrant* Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**All** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant then greets the people and gives a brief introduction, inviting them to participate in the celebration using these or other similar words*

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

*Celebrant* 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 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Triumphal Entry Gospel, first saying*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 19:29-40

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We 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 hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they

may be for us signs of his victory. 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 with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The opening anthem may be repeated.*

*Celebrant* Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

## THE PROCESSION

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

*During the procession all hold palms or branches, and appropriate hymns or anthems are sung, such as “All glory, laud and honor” and Psalm 118:19-29. At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following, or some other appropriate collect, is said.*

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.*

**4            To thee before thy passion  
              they sang their hymns of praise;  
              to thee, now high exalted,  
              our melody we raise.**

**Refrain**

**5            Thou didst accept their praises;  
              accept the prayers we bring,  
              who in all good delightest,  
              thou good and gracious King.**

**Refrain**

*In the absence of a bishop or priest, the preceding service may be led by a deacon or lay reader.*

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