

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

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. *Amen.*

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **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 for ever. Amen.**

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People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Responsively at the asterisk

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * **his mercy endures for ever.**
2 Let Israel now proclaim, * **"His mercy endures for ever."**
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***I will enter them;**
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * **he who is righteous may enter."**
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * **and have become my salvation.**
22 The same stone which the builders rejected * **has become the chief cornerstone.**
23 This is the LORD'S doing, * **and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
24 On this day the LORD has acted; * **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * **LORD, send us now success.**
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * **we bless you from the house of the LORD.**
27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * **form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**
28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; * **you are my God, and I will exalt you."**
29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * **his mercy endures for ever.**

The assembly may go inside the church and to their seats.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: 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.

Opening Hymn – "All glory, laud and honor"

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