



PALM SUNDAY

COMMEMORATING OUR LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

The People gather, holding branches in their hands. Wearing red sacred vestments, the Priest and Deacon, with other ministers, approach the place where the People are gathered. The following antiphon is sung.

ANTIPHON *Hosanna filio David [Matthew 21: 9]*

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

The Priest and People then sign themselves, while the Priest says

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Priest may address the People with this exhortation, or else proceed directly to the greeting and the prayer following.

Dear brethren, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Then shall the Priest bless the branches with hands extended, saying:

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

Then the Deacon, or if there is no Deacon, the Priest, proclaims one of the following Gospels, first censing the book and saying:

Hear the words of the holy Gospel according to Saint N.

Year A: Matthew 21:1-11

Year B: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16

Year C: Luke 19:28-40

After the Gospel, the Deacon, or Priest, sings or says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED PALMS IN HONOUR OF CHRIST THE KING

Dear brethren, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.
 People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, the following hymn is sung:

Majestically; may be sung in unison

†*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. A - men.

Stanzas commence here

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

Repeat Refrain

Who in the Lord's Name com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.
 And mor - tal men, and all things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.

5 To thee before thy passion
 They sang their hymns of praise:
 To thee, now high exalted,
 Our melody we raise.

Refrain

6 Thou didst accept their praises;
 Accept the prayers we bring,
 Who in all good delightest,
 Thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

ST. THEODULPH, c. 820; Tr. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1854

When the Celebrant enters the sanctuary, he makes the customary reverence; then, omitting the Introductory Rites and Kyrie, he says the Collect of the Day.

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 50: 4-7*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

THE APPOINTED PSALM *Psalm 22: 7-8, 16-19, 22-23* [R: 1a]

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me mock at me, they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;
“He committed his cause to the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, for he delights in him!” R:

Yes, dogs are round about me; a company of evildoers encircle me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones. R:

They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, be not far off! O my help, hasten to my aid! R:

I will tell of your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
all you sons of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you sons of Israel! R:

THE SECOND READING *Philippians 2: 6-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Then the Deacon, or if there is no Deacon, the Priest, proclaims one of the following Gospels; it is read without incense and with no greeting or signing of the book.

Hear the words of the holy Gospel according to Saint N.

Year A: Matthew 26:14—27:66

Year B: Mark 14: 1—15:47

Year C: Luke 22:14—23:56

*If read in parts, the congregation may join in saying the words in **boldface**.*

OFFERTORY Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak; I looked for sympathy, but there was none; for comforters, and I found none. Rather they put gall in my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. \forall Save me, O God, for the waters threaten my life. They who sit at the gate gossip about me, and drunkards make me the butt of their songs.

COMMUNION Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

WINCHESTER NEW

Adapted from
Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

With solemnity

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies

san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin
 of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes

With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
 O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
 To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice. A - men.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
 The Father on his sapphire throne
 Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die;
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O God, thy power, and reign. Amen.

HENRY HART MILMAN, 1827, *alt.*