# **The Palm Sunday Processional**

#### The Distribution of the Palms

A place outside of the Church may be used to distribute the Palms.

The Procession begins with the Distribution of the Palms:





And the people respond, chanting:



The Celebrant reads the Lesson:

V: The Lesson for *Palmarum* is from the Second Book of Moses, commonly called Exodus, the Fifteenth and Sixteenth chapters, beginning at the Twenty-Seventh verse:

V: Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters. And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will

walk in My law or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### The Celebrant chants the Collect:

Let us pray. Lord God, Who sittest upon the Cherubim, Who hast reaffirmed Thy power and sent Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His Cross, Burial and Resurrection: Who when He drew near to Jerusalem for His voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and the shadow of death took, as tokens of victory, boughs of trees and branches of palms, thus foretelling His Resurrection. Do Thou Thyself, O Lord, keep and preserve us also, who, following their example, this day, carry in our hands palms and branches, and who like the crowds and the children cry unto Thee, "Hosanna!" That with hymns and spiritual songs we may sing the praise of Him Who attained the life-giving Resurrection of the Dead on the third day; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then the Palms are distributed by the Celebrant.

During the Distribution of Palms Psalms 24 and 47 are chanted to Tone I, interspersed with an Antiphon in this manner:

# Psalm 24

Tone I Flex (+)

P: THEY **TOOK** - || branches of palm trees, and went forth to | meet | him, | and | cried, \*

C: "Hosanna | in | the | High- - | est!"

P: || The Earth is the Lord's, and | all | its | full- | ness, \* C: The world and those | who | dwell | there- - | in. and King of Kings, we beseech Thee, grant us Thy good Spirit, that with willing hearts we may receive Him as our King and follow His example of true humility, that, being made perfect through sufferings, we may enter into eternal glory; through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.





The Service continues with the Confiteor.

5. Of death I am no more afraid, New life from Thee is flowing; Thy cross affords me cooling shade When noonday's sun is glowing.When by my grief I am opprest, On Thee my weary soul shall rest Serenely as on pillows.Thou art my Anchor when by woe My bark is driven to and fro On trouble's surging billows.

6. And when Thy glory I shall see
And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure,
Thy blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure.
When I appear before Thy throne,
Thy righteousness shall be my crown,—
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought
As Thine own bride, I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside Thee. Amen.

*The Procession concluded. The Celebrant than chants the Versicle:* 



*The Celebrant chants the Collect:* 

Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast led Thy dear Son Jesus Christ through sufferings and death to Thine eternal glory, and hast exalted Him at Thy right hand to be Lord of Lords

Tone I Flex (+)O O P: || For He has founded it | up- | on | the | seas, \* **C:** And established it up- | on | the | wa- - | ters. P: THEY TOOK - || branches of palm trees, and went forth to | meet | him, | and | cried, \* C: "Hosanna | in | the | High- - | est!" P: || Who may ascend into the | hill | of | the | Lord? \* C: Or who may stand in | His | ho- | ly - | place? P: || He who has clean hands | and | a | pure | heart, \* C: Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn | de-| ceit- | **ful-** - | ly. P: THEY TOOK - || branches of palm trees, and went forth to | meet | him, | and | cried, \* **C:** "Hosanna | in | the | **High- -** | est!" P: || He shall receive bless- | ing | from | the | Lord, \* C: And righteousness from the God of | his | sal- | va- - | tion. P: || This is Jacob, the generation of | those | who | seek | Him, \* C: Who | — | seek | Your - | face. P: THEY TOOK - || branches of palm trees, and went forth to | meet | him, | and | cried, \* C: "Hosanna | in | the | High- - | est!" Selah. P: || Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you ev- | er-| last- | ing | doors! \* **C:** And the King of glo- | ry | shall | **come** - | in. P: || Who is this | King | of | glo- | ry? \* C: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord might- |y| in |bat- - | tle. P: THEY TOOK - || branches of palm trees, and went forth to | meet | him, | and | cried, \* **C:** "Hosanna | in | the | **High- -** | est!" P: || Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you ev- | er- | last- | ing | doors! \* **C:** And the King of glo- | ry | shall | **come** - | in. P: || Who is this | King | of | glo- | ry? \* **C:** The Lord of hosts, He is the | King | of | **glo-** - | ry.



P: THEY **TOOK** - || branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet | him, | and | cried, \*

C: "Hosanna | in | the | High- - | est!"

### Psalm 47

P: THEY SPREAD - || their garments in | the | way, | and | cried, \* C: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the | Name | of | the - | Lord!" P: || Oh, clap your hands, | all | you | peo- | ples! \* C: Shout to God with the | voice | of | tri- - | umph! P: || For the Lord Most | High | is | awe- | some; \* **C:** He is a great King o- | ver | all | **the** - | earth. P: THEY SPREAD - || their garments in | the | way, | and | cried, \* C: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the | Name | of | the - | Lord!" P: || He will subdue the peo- | ples | un- | der | us, \* **C:** And the nations | un- | der | **our** - | feet. P: || He will choose our inher- | i- | tance | for | us, \* **C:** The excellence of Ja- | cob | whom | **He** - | loves. P: THEY **SPREAD** - || their garments in | the | way, | and | cried, \* C: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the | Name | of | the - | Lord!" Selah P: || God has gone | up | with | a | shout, \* **C:** The Lord with the sound | of | a | **trum-** - | pet. P: || Sing praises to | God, | sing | prais- | es! \* C: Sing praises to our | King, | sing | prais- - | es! P: THEY SPREAD - || their garments in | the | way, | and | cried, \* C: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the | Name | of | the - | Lord!" P: || For God is the King | of | all | the | earth; C: Sing praises with | un- | der- | stand- - | ing. P: || God reigns o- | ver | the | na- | tions; \* C: God sits on | His | ho- | ly - | throne. P: THEY SPREAD - || their garments in | the | way, | and | cried, \* C: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the | Name | of | the - | Lord!"

Goes patient on, grow weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer; Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death, Anguish and mockery, and saith, "Willing all this I suffer."

2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father saith,
"And free men from the fear of death, From guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Thy Passion men shall share
The fruit of Thy salvation."

3. "Yea, Father, yea, most willingly
I'll bear what Thou commandest;
My will conforms to Thy decree,
I do what Thou demandest."
O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done!
The Father offers up His Son!
The Son, content, descendeth!
O Love, how strong Thou art to save!
Thou beddest Him within the grave
Whose word the mountains rendeth.

4. From morn till eve my theme shall be Thy mercy's wondrous measure; To sacrifice myself for Thee Shall be my aim and pleasure. My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly, Thy constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory, O Lord, all Thou hast done for me, Thy gracious love adoring. *The Procession concluded. The Celebrant than chants the Versicle:* 



# The Celebrant chants the Collect:

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Almighty, Who for our sakes didst humble Thyself and take upon Thee the form of a servant, we beseech Thee, govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not be offended at Thy lowliness, but heartily believe that by Thy obedience even unto death of the Cross Thou hast redeemed us from the wrath of God and from eternal death, and keep us steadfast in such faith and in Christian humility, that we also may finally be exalted with Thee and made partakers of Thy glory; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



# **Processional Hymn**

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" TLH 142

 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of all men bearing; And laden with the sins of Earth, None else the burden sharing!



P: || The princes of the people have gathered together, the people of the God | of | Ab- | ra- | ham. \*

**C:** For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is great- | ly | ex- | **alt-** - | ed.

P: THEY SPREAD - || their garments in | the | way, | and | cried, \*
C: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the | Name | of | the - | Lord!"

*After the Distribution the rite continues as follows:* 

# The Procession of the Palms

The Celebrant chants the Announcement of the Gospel:

V: The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twenty-First chapter, beginning at the First verse.

And the people respond, chanting:



# The Celebrant chants the Holy Gospel:

V: Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey." So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their

clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

The Celebrant concludes the Holy Gospel by chanting:



This is the Ho - ly Gos - pel.

And the people respond, chanting:







**Processional Hymn** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* TLH 160

 All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's Name comest, The King and Blessed One. 2. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels Are praising Thee on high, And mortal men and all things Created make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.

4. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. To Thee, before Thy Passion, They sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

5. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. Amen.