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We pray that the attentive use of these authorized liturgies and other rites and ceremonies by the Western rite clergy and laity of our beloved Archdiocese will be the cause of a spiritual and liturgical renewal within our church in North America.

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\*... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch! ACTS 11:26

# Palm Sunday

## *Blessing of Palms and Procession*

- *The priest begins with the opening antiphon*

Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

**I**NCREASE, O Lord, we pray Thee, the faith of them that put their trust in Thee. Graciously hear the prayers of Thy humble servants; send down upon us the manifold gifts of Thy mercy and vouchsafe to bless and hallow these branches of palm; that, like as a figure of Thy Church, Thou didst bless Noah going forth from the ark and Moses, going forth out of Egypt with the children of Israel, so we this day bearing palms may go forth into the world with all good works to meet with Christ, our Saviour, and through him enter into everlasting gladness: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *Then shall be said or sung:*

The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

- *The priest distributes the palms, first to his assistants, then to the people. If there is a choir, an anthem or hymn may be sung.*

- P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 P. The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
 R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

- *The first nine verses of chapter 21 of St. Matthew's Gospel are read, concluding with:*

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

- *Before the procession is formed, the following is said:*

The multitudes with branches go forth to meet their Redeemer and give worthy homage to the triumphant Conqueror. The Gentiles with their lips proclaim the Son of God: and in their praise of Christ, the Redeemer King, their voices thunder through the sky: Hosanna in the highest.

- P. Let us go forth in peace.  
 R. In the Name of Christ. *Amen.*

- *During the procession, the following hymn shall be sung, beginning with this refrain:*

All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King.  
 To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son.  
 Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

*Refrain.*

2. The company of Angels, are praising Thee on high;  
 and mortal men, and all things, created make reply.

*Refrain.*

3. The people of the Hebrews, with palms before Thee

went: our praise and prayers and anthems, before Thee we present.

*Refrain.*

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 addition, Psalm 147 may be said or sung, with appropriate antiphons. As the procession returns to the church, the following is said or sung:*

*Responsory.*

- P. As our Lord entered the holy city, the Hebrew children, declaring the resurrection of life, \* with palm branches, cried out: Hosanna in the highest.  
 V. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went forth to meet him: \* with palm branches.

- *The following hymn may then be sung:*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
 Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
 Thy humble beast pursues his road  
 With palms and scatter'd garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
 In lowly pomp ride on in majesty:  
 O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
 O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondr'ing eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

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

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.*

• *When the priest reaches the altar, he turns to the people and says:*

- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who gatherest together the outcasts and preservest them whom Thou has gathered; who didst bless the people when they went forth bearing branches to meet Jesus; grant that into whatsoever place Thy faithful servants shall bear these palms, here received in honor of Thy Holy Name, that Thy dwellers therein may obtain Thy blessing; and being delivered from all adversity, may they ever be defended by Thy mighty powers, who are redeemed by Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

• *Then shall follow the Divine Liturgy.*

## ***Stations of the Cross***

