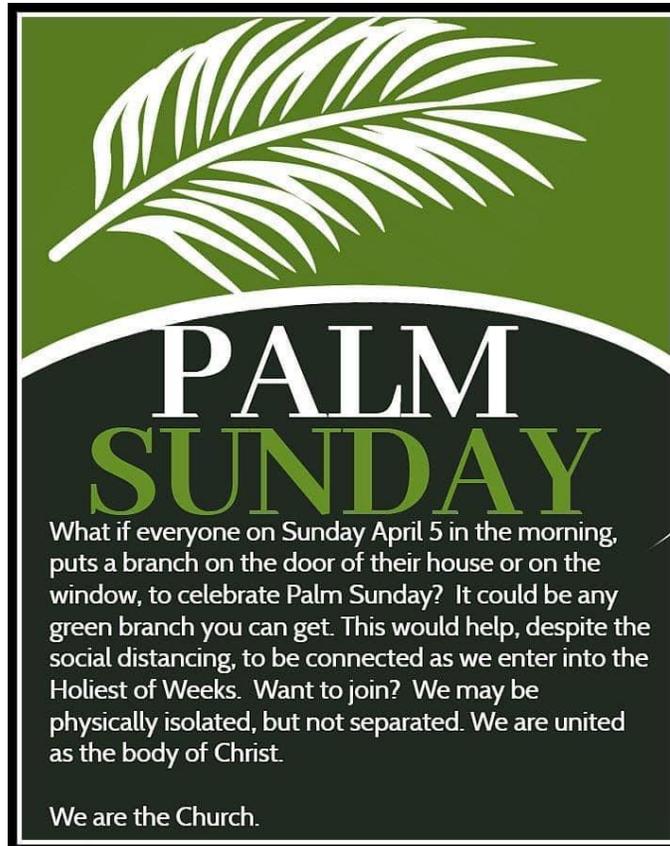


The Sunday of the Passion With the Liturgy of the Palms
The Liturgy of the Palms

The branches of palm, or of other trees or shrubs to be held, may be created by you in whatever way you wish in the form of a cross.

In isolation situations, as we are in this season, it is suitable to get a branch and put it on your outside door as suggested below:



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

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest then greets the people and gives a brief introduction, inviting them to participate in the celebration in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ

entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.
The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise,
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.
Today we greet him as our King,
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.
We follow him this week from the glory of the palms
to the glory of the resurrection
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.
United with him in his suffering on the cross,
may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A—Matthew 21.1–11

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At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Commentary may follow ... from Victor J. Green, Festivals and Saints Days ... Palm Sunday and Holy Week

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.**

The celebrant continues,

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.

The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest.

May we also, carrying our emblems of crosses, go forth to meet Christ 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.

The Procession

Then may be said or sung,

Let us go forth in peace.

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

Hymn:

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel-squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
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.

During the procession which can take the form of walking in the house, or on the spot or sitting and imagining the procession into Jerusalem , all holding crosses in their hands.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate collect is said.

Almighty God,
whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory,
may we, walking in the way of the cross,
find it is for us the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us Prayer:

For Those in Need

from William Barclay's book: "Epilogues and Prayers"

The Opening Prayer

Eternal and everblessed God- you have taught us to call you Creator, and you have surrounded us all our lives with your benevolent love and care. Help us so to live that we may be sons and daughters who bring joy and not sorrow to their Creator's heart: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Today, O God we pray to you for all those who are in pain and distress of body or of mind.

Bless those who are ill; be specially near to those who will never be well again- and ease the pain of those whose pain is beyond the skill of human help.

Bless those who are sad, those on whose dearest circle the chill wind of death has blown, and comfort those whom no one else can comfort.

Bless those who have had some great disappointment, Those who have found a friend untrue; Those who have failed in something for which they toiled? Those to whom life has refused something on which they set their hearts.

Bless those who are Worried, Those who are worried about their health* Those who have an insoluble problem which must be solved; Those who have a difficult decision which must be taken; Those who know that they must meet their testing time; Those who are tempted and who fear that they may fall.

O God, our Creator, we remember all this world's unfortunate ones, Refugees without a home and without a state; Those who are persecuted for their faith; Those who are suffering for their loyalty to some principle which is dearer to them than comfort and than life.

Grant that all in trouble may remember your promise that when they pass through the waters you will be with them and grant that they may find it true.

We pray for our Church and it's mission in this world now in isolation. We pray that words viewed and spoken will be comforting and reach out to those in need.

We pray for our governments in this time of crisis. We pray for everyone in the Health Care system that they may be cared for as they care for others. We pray for our world, may God help us, preserve us and surround us in our present troubles. May God give us strength and guidance and hold us in the palm of his hands this day and always. Amen.

A Prayer of the Venerable Bede

Open our hearts O Lord and enlighten us by the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may seek what is well-pleasing to your will and so order our doings after your commandments, that we may be found right to enter into your unending joys: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Matthew's Blessing

May the Lord Jesus Christ,
who walks on wounded feet,
walk with you to the end of the road.

May the Lord Jesus,
who serves with wounded hands,
help you to serve each other.

May the Lord Jesus,
who loves with a wounded heart,
be your love forever.

Love God wherever you go,
and may you see the face of Jesus
in everyone you meet.

Now may grace, mercy and peace from Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, rest upon us all and abide with each one of us henceforth
and for evermore. Amen.

Hymn:

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 prayer 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*

Dismissal:

Leader: Let us go forth into our world rejoicing in the power of the
Spirit

People: Thanks be to God.

Next Online Services:

Maundy Thursday: Tenebrae – by 7pm

Good Friday: Online Community Service

Stations of the Cross – by 7pm

Easter: Easter Vigil by Early Easter morning