

St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

*The Liturgy of
the Palms*

YEAR A

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The branches of palm, or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in procession, may be distributed to the people before the service, or immediately before the procession. The following or other suitable anthem is said or sung.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
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.**

All remain standing for the Gospel

READER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

READER: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

PEOPLE: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a

colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

READER: This is the Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The President then says the following blessing.

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

PEOPLE: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The President 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 and Saviour who entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; Bless these palms and let them be for us signs of 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 with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Then may be said or sung:

PRESIDENT: Let us go forth in peace.

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

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

PRESIDENT:

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 forever.

ALL: *Amen*

FOR THE PROCESSION: HYMN 127

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 psalms 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

PRESIDENT:

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 forever.

ALL: Amen

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