

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 C

Rector: The Reverend Beverley Sealy-Knight

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

With the Liturgy of the Palms

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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 Luke.

PEOPLE: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found

it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"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 BLESSINGS 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.**

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 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

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

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels.

In many Anglican and Episcopal denominations, worship services on Palm Sunday include a procession of the faithful carrying palms, representing the palm branches the crowd scattered in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday, or the "Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem", is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the liturgical year. The day before Palm Sunday, Lazarus Saturday, believers often prepare palm fronds by knotting them into crosses in preparation for the procession on Sunday.

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1–9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

This feast coincides with that of Passion Sunday, which is the focus of the Mass which follows the service of the blessing of palms. The palms are saved in many churches to be burned on Shrove Tuesday the following year to make ashes used in Ash Wednesday services. The vestments for the day are deep scarlet red, the colour of blood, indicating the supreme redemptive sacrifice Christ was entering the city to fulfill: his Passion and Resurrection in Jerusalem.

The day is nowadays officially called "The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday"; in practice, though, it is usually termed "Palm Sunday" to avoid undue confusion with the penultimate Sunday of Lent in the traditional calendar, which was "Passion Sunday".

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