

April 5

The Priest greets the people with these or similar words.

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works.

Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church

the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.

For it was to accomplish this mystery

that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate

the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation,

following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross,

we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

### BLESSING OF PALM BRANCHES

The Priest, with hands joined, says one of the following prayers.

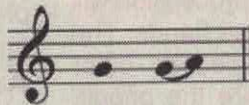
Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in

exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People:



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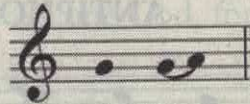
Let us pray.

Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, O God, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you, that we, who today hold high these

branches to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People:

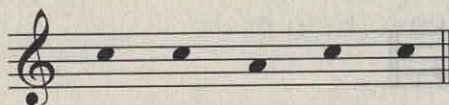


A - men.

The Priest sprinkles the branches with holy water in silence.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People:

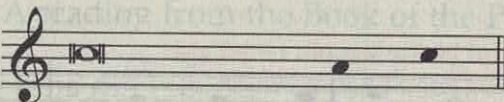


And with your spir - it.



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**Reader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**People:**   
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21: 1-11

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

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Say to daughter Zion,*

*"Behold, your king comes to you,  
meek and riding on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of  
burden."*

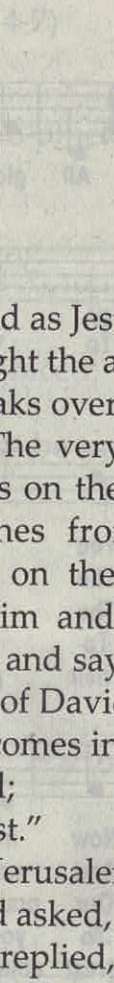
The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

**At the end:**

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**   
Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

**A brief homily may be given.**

### PROCESSION WITH THE BLESSED BRANCHES

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

**The procession begins.**

**The following or other appropriate songs may be sung in honor of Christ the King.**



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# ALL GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOR

REFRAIN:

All glo - ry, praise and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er King!  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

VERSES:

1. You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al son,  
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;  
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:  
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise.  
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; Ac - cept the pray'rs we bring,  
1. Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
2. And mor - tals joined with all things Cre - a - ted make re - ply.  
3. Our praise and pray'rs and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.  
4. To you now high ex - alt - ed Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sa - vior and our King.

Accompaniment No. 70

## ENTRANCE

As the procession enters the church, there is sung the following responsory or another chant, which should speak of the Lord's entrance.

As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

When the Priest arrives at the altar, he venerates it (may incense it), goes to the presidential chair, and omitting the other Introductory Rites of the Mass, and, if appropriate, the Kyrie (Lord have mercy), he says the Collect of the Mass, and then continues the Mass in the usual way.

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READING I

(Sit)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 50: 4-7)

**My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.**

The Lord GOD has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the  
weary  
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,

my cheeks to those who plucked my  
beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to  
shame.

At the end of the reading:

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

Another appropriate psalm may be sung in place of the following proper psalm.

My God, my God, why have you a - ban - doned me?

Accompaniment No. 355 (309) Gregorian Psalm Tone 8G

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**Cantor:**

1. All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
2. Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in up - on me;
3. They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.
4. I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst  
of the assembly I will praise you:

1. "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."
2. they have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
3. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, has - ten to aid me.
4. "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give  
glory to him; revere him, all you descend - ants of Is - rael!"



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OR

My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?

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abandoned me?**

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they mock me with parted lips, they  
wag their heads:

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I can count all my bones.

**My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

**My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?**

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praise you:

"You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give  
glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of  
Israel!"

**My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?**

READING II

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 2: 6-11)

**Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.**

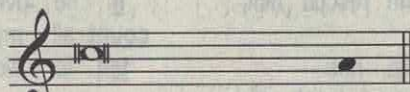
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form  
of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of  
death,

even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
of those in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

At the end of the reading:

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:**



Thanks be to God.



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