

BEFORE MASS ON PALM SUNDAY:**THE BLESSING OF PALMS [Errors? help@extraordinaryform.org](mailto:Errors?help@extraordinaryform.org) & THE PROCESSION**

In the blessing of the palms we have an ancient type of the liturgical "synaxes," or gatherings, for the recitation of the Divine Office, the instruction of the faithful, and prayer, which were not followed by the celebration of Mass. This type of synaxis, taken from the Jewish rite used in the synagogues of the Dispersion, formed part of the Christian ritual from the time of the Apostles.

The great ceremonies of Holy Week took place in the ancient pontifical residence in the Lateran Palace. After the palms were blessed, they were carried to the chapel of St. Sylvester and distributed. The Mass was sung in the Basilica of the Savior.

Antiphon (Matthew 21: 9)

Hosanna Fílio David: benedíctus qui venit in Nómine Dómini.

O Rex Israëli: Hosanna in excélsis.

Priest: Dóminus vobíscum.

(All respond:)

All: Et cum spiritu tuo.

P: Orémus. Bénedic, quæsumus, Dómine, hos palmárum ramos: et præsta, ut quod pópulus tuus in tui veneratióne hodiérna die corporáliter agit, hoc spirítuáliter summa devotióne perficiat, de hoste victóriam reportándo, et opus misericórdiæ summópere diligéndo. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

A: Amen.

(The palms are sprinkled & incensed. Then, as they are then distributed, the choir sings the following:)

Antiphon 1

Púeri Hebræórum, portántes ramos olivárum, obviáverunt Dómino, clamántes, et dicéntes: Hosanna in excélsis.

Psalms 23: 1-2

Dómini est terra et quæ replent eam: orbis terrárum et qui hábitant in eo.

Nam ipse super mária fundávit eum: et super flúmina firmávit eum.

Antiphon 1

Púeri Hebræórum, portántes ramos olivárum, obviáverunt Dómino, clamántes, et dicéntes: Hosanna in excélsis.

Antiphon 2

Púeri Hebræórum, vestiménta prosternébant in via, et clamábant dicéntes: Hosanna Fílio David: benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum.

Amen.

Púeri Hebræórum, vestiménta prosternébant in via, et clamábant dicéntes: Hosanna Fílio David: benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.

(The celebrant chants the Gospel:)

GOSPEL Matthew 21: 1-9

Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Matthaëum:

In illo tempore: Cum appropinquásset Jesus Jerosólymis, et venisset Béthphage ad montem Olivéti: tunc misit duos discipulos suos, dicens eis: Ite in castéllum, quod contra vos est, et statim inveniétis ásinam alligátam, et pullum cum ea: sólvite, et addúcite mihi: et si quis vobis áliquíd dixerit, dícite, quia Dóminus his opus habet, et conféstim dimíttet eos. Hoc autem totum factum est, ut adimplerétur quod dictum est per prophétam, dicentem: Dícite fíliæ Sion: Ecce Rex tuus venit tibi mansuétus, sedens super ásinam, et pullum, fílium subjugális. Eúntes autem discipuli, fecerunt sicut præcépít illis Jesus. Et adduxerunt ásinam, et pullum: et imposuerunt super eos vestiménta sua, et eum désuper sedére fecerunt. Plúrima autem turba stráverunt vestiménta sua in via: álii autem cædébant ramos de arbóribus, et sternébant in via: turbæ autem, quæ præcedébant, et quæ sequebantur, clamábant, dicéntes: Hosanna Fílio David: benedíctus, qui venit in nómine Dómini.

(The thurible is prepared with incense for the procession.)

P: Procedamus in pace.

A: In nómine Christi. Amen.

(The procession now follows.)

Hymnus ad Christum Regem**Choir:**

Glória, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe Redémptor, Cui pueríle decus prompsit Hosanna pium.

All:

Glória, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe Redémptor, Cui pueríle decus prompsit Hosanna pium.

Choir:

Israël es tu Rex, Davidis et ínclita proles, Nómine qui in Dómini, Rex benedicte, venis.

All:

Glória, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe Redémptor, Cui pueríle decus prompsit Hosanna pium.

Choir:

Cœtus in excélsis te laudat cælicus omnis, Et mortális homo, et cuncta creáta simul.

All:

Glória, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe Redémptor, Cui pueríle decus prompsit Hosanna pium.

Choir:

Plebs Hebræa tibi cum palmis óbvia venit; Cum prece, voto, hymnis, ádsumus ecce tibi.

All:

Glória, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe Redémptor, Cui pueríle decus prompsit Hosanna pium.

Choir:

Hi tibi passúro solvébant múnia laudis; Nos tibi regnúnti pángimus ecce melos.

All:

Glória, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe Redémptor, Cui pueríle decus prompsit Hosanna pium.

Choir:

Hi placuére tibi, pláceat devótió nostra: Rex bone, Rex clemens, cui bona cuncta placent.

All:

Glória, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe Redémptor, Cui pueríle decus prompsit Hosanna pium.

Choir:

Ingrédiénte Dómino in sanctam civitátem, Hebræórum púeri resurrectionem vitæ pronuntiántes, Cum ramis palmárum: Hosanna, clamabant, in excélsis. Cum audísset pópulus, quod exierunt íbret Jerosólym, exiérunt óbvia ei. Cum ramis palmárum: Hosanna, clamabant, in excélsis.

(At the altar:)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

A: Et cum spirítu tuo.

P: Orémus.

Dómine Jesu Christe, Rex ac Redémptor noster, in cuius honórem, hos ramos gestántes, solémnes laudes decantávimus: concéde propítius; ut, quocúmque hi rami deportáti fúerint, ibi tuæ benedictionis grátia descéndat, et, quavis dæmónium iniquitáte vel illusióne profligáta, dextera tua prótegat, quos redémit: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula saeculórum.

A: Amen.

Hosanna to the son of David: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

O King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray. - Bless, we beseech Thee, O Lord, these branches of palm or olive: and grant that what Thy people today bodily perform for Thy honor, they may perfect spiritually with the utmost devotion, by gaining the victory over the enemy, and ardently loving every work of mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Hebrew children bearing olive branches, went forth to meet the Lord, crying out, and saying, Hosanna in the highest.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world and all they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and hath prepared it upon the rivers.

The Hebrew children bearing olive branches, went forth to meet the Lord, crying out, and saying: "Hosanna in the highest."

The Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

The continuation of the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

At that time, when Jesus drew nigh to Jerusalem, and was come to Bethphage, unto Mount Olivet, then He sent two disciples, saying to them: "Go ye into the village that is over against you, and immediately you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her; loose them and bring them to Me; and if any man shall say anything to you, say ye that the Lord hath need of them; and forthwith he will let them go." Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: Tell ye the daughter of Sion: Behold thy King cometh to thee meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of her that is used to the yoke. And the disciples going did as Jesus commanded them. And they brought the ass and the colt, and laid their garments upon them, and made Him sit thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way, and others cut boughs from the trees, and strewed them in the way, and the multitudes that went before and that followed cried, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Glory, praise and honor to Thee, O King Christ, the Redeemer: to Whom children poured their glad and sweet hosanna's song.

Glory, praise and honor to Thee, O King Christ, the Redeemer: to Whom children poured their glad and sweet hosanna's song.

Thou art the King of Israel, David's glorious descendant, Thou Who comes in the name of the Lord, O blessed King.

Glory, praise and honor to Thee, O King Christ, the Redeemer: to Whom children poured their glad and sweet hosanna's song.

All the heavenly host praises Thee on high, likewise mortal man, and the entire creation.

Glory, praise and honor to Thee, O King Christ, the Redeemer: to Whom children poured their glad and sweet hosanna's song.

The Hebrew People came forth with palms to greet Thee: With prayers, vows, and hymns, Behold, we now come to Thee.

Glory, praise and honor to Thee, O King Christ, the Redeemer: to Whom children poured their glad and sweet hosanna's song.

They crowned Thee with praise on Thy way to Thy suffering; Behold, we compose songs to Thee, now in Thy reigning.

Glory, praise and honor to Thee, O King Christ, the Redeemer: to Whom children poured their glad and sweet hosanna's song.

They were then pleasing to Thee, may our devotion now also please, O gracious King, O clement King, to Whom all good things are pleasing.

Glory, praise and honor to Thee, O King Christ, the Redeemer: to Whom children poured their glad and sweet hosanna's song.

As our Lord entered the holy city, the Hebrew children, declaring the resurrection of life with palm branches, cried out: "Hosanna in the highest."

When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went forth to meet Him: With palm, branches they cried out: "Hosanna in the highest."

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Redeemer, in Whose honor we have borne these palms and gone on praising Thee with song and solemnity: mercifully grant that whithersoever these palms are taken, there the grace of Thy blessing may descend, and may every wickedness and trickery of the demons be frustrated, and may Thy right hand protect those it hath redeemed. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

(The priest now vests in violet for the Mass, which begins with the Introit.)