

A LITURGY FOR PALM SUNDAY

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

Hosanna in the highest.

(The Lord be with you.

And also with you)

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery:

our Lord's Passover from death to life. Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:

to suffer, to die and to rise to new life. Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

All may hold up their palms for this blessing.

Sovereign God, we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Minister: Hosanna in the highest.

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

THE PROCESSION

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah,
as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of Glory may come in.

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory!

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

[Click here for the song on Youtube](#)

Singing: **Hosanna** (TIS 724)

**1 Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!**

***Lord we lift up your name
with hearts full of praise;
Be exulted, oh Lord my God!
Hosanna in the highest!***

**2 Glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!
Glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!**

Chorus