

**PALM SUNDAY  
LITURGY**

## General Instructions

1. This ceremony could be started inside the church, or at the cross at the narthex, or any other suitable place. There shall be a table prepared with candles. The palms and the holy water shall be kept at a side table.
2. The palms could either be distributed to the congregation after the blessing or the faithful may hold the palms during the blessing. However, it is recommended that the palms for celebrants and servers are blessed at the side table.
3. This ceremony is conducted with morning prayers. It shall be omitted if needed.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

C: As our Lord commanded  
On the feast of Passover  
Let us gather in his holy name  
In unity, let us offer this sacrifice

A: Let us be reconciled  
And prepare a new altar  
With the love of the Lord Jesus  
Let us offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

A: Amen.

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always  
and forever

A: Amen.

C: Our Father (continues with community) who  
art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and  
earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men  
sing out thy glory, "Holy, Holy, thou art Holy."

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be  
thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** King of glory, our Messiah, we worship you who entered the holy city of Jerusalem humbly riding on a lowly colt. Most majestic and righteous King, accept our prayers and hymns of praise along with the hosannas of the children of Zion. Make us worthy, O Lord, to welcome you with songs of praise as you were welcomed into Jerusalem with hosanna hymns. Grant us the grace to celebrate your paschal mystery by sharing in your passion, death, and resurrection. The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

**PSALMODY**  
**PS. 100**

**C:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
(*canona*) At the Lord's coming, the righteous  
ones, robed in glory,  
And ready to greet, rise up amidst the clouds

## community prays in two groups

1. Come into his holy presence singing praises;  
Know that he is our God and our Lord
  2. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his  
pasture.
  1. Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
And his courts with praise!
  2. Give thanks to him, bless his name!  
For the Lord is good;
  1. His steadfast love endures forever,  
And his faithfulness to all generations.
- C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit.
- A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen
- C:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness
- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**MORNING PRAYER STARTS**

These prayers are part of morning prayers and shall be omitted if not conducted with morning prayers.

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**C:** Lord God, all of your creations offer you praise and thanksgiving, for you alone are the true light that illumines all created things with your mercy and goodness. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

Congregation sits

**PS. 91**

**S:** Blessed is he who dwells in the shelter of  
the Most High,  
Who abides in the shadow of the Almighty.  
(*canona*) When God created the light the  
angels were amazed.  
United with them, we glorify God  
At the rising of the light every new morning.

community prays in two groups

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most  
High,  
Who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,
2. Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my  
fortress;  
My God, in whom I trust."

1. For he will deliver you from the snare of the  
fowler  
And from the deadly pestilence;
2. He will cover you with his pinions,  
And under his wings you will find refuge;  
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
1. You will not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
2. Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
Nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
1. A thousand may fall at your side,  
Ten thousand at your right hand;  
But it will not come near you.
2. You will only look with your eyes  
And see the recompense of the wicked.
1. Because you have made the Lord your  
refuge,  
The Most High your habitation,
2. No evil shall befall you,  
No scourge come near your tent.
1. For he will give his angels charge of you,  
To guard you in all your ways.
2. Their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

1. You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
The young lion and the serpent you will  
trample under foot.

2. Because he cleaves to me in love, I will  
deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my  
name.

1. When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will rescue him and honor him.

2. With long life I will satisfy him,  
And show him my salvation.

**C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit,

**A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen

**S:** When God created the light, the angels  
praised Him.  
They knew that the One who created the  
light also created them.  
Blessed is he who dwells in the shelter of  
the Most High,  
Who abides in the shadow of the Almighty.  
The Angels glorify you; all people praise you.  
Together they cry out: “Blessed is your entry  
into Jerusalem ”

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Lord our God, we believe in you and we praise your glorious and holy name. We take refuge in you whose mighty divine protection is praiseworthy. All who hope in you, and call on you will never be disheartened. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

**PS. 104: (OPTIONAL)**

**S:** Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord, my God, you are very great.  
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God.

community prays in two groups

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord, my God, you are very great.
2. You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
Wrapped in light as with a garment.
1. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
You set the beams of your chambers on the  
waters.
2. You make the clouds your chariot,  
You ride on the wings of the wind.

1. You make the winds your messengers,  
Fire and flame your ministers.
2. You set the earth on its foundations,  
So that it shall never be shaken.
1. You cover it with the deep as with a garment;  
The waters stood above the mountains.
2. At your rebuke they flee;  
At the sound of your thunder they take to  
flight.
1. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to  
the valleys  
To the place that you appointed for them.
2. You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
So that they might not again cover the earth.
1. You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
They flow between the hills.
2. Giving drink to every wild animal;  
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
1. By the streams the birds of the air have their  
habitation;  
They sing among the branches.
2. From your lofty abode you water the  
mountains;  
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your  
work.

1. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
And plants for people to use,  
To bring forth food from the earth,

**C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit,

**A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen

**S:** Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord, my God, are very great.  
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God

**PS. 113**

**S:** Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
Praise the name of the Lord!  
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God,  
For you are the creator of the light.

*community prays in two groups*

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
Praise the name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the name of the Lord  
From this time forth and forevermore!

1. From the rising of the sun to its setting  
The name of the Lord is to be praised!

2. The Lord is high above all nations,  
And his glory above the heavens!
1. Who is like the Lord our God,  
Who is seated on high, who looks far down  
Upon the heavens and the earth?
2. He raises the poor from the dust,  
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,
1. To make them sit with princes,  
With the princes of his people.
2. He gives the barren woman a home,  
Making her the joyous mother of children.
- C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit,
- A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen
- S:** Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
Praise the name of the Lord!  
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God,  
For you are the creator of light
- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with you.
- C:** O Lord our God, in your eternal wisdom, you  
alone created the day and the night and you  
illumine all creation with sun and moon. The

celestial bodies that shine bright in the sky day and night are the works of your hands. Lord God, you alone are worthy of all praise and thanksgiving. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PS. 93

S: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength  
(*canona*) God, you are eternal and we adore  
you

community prays in two groups

1. The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
2. Yes, the world is established;  
It shall never be moved;
1. Thou throne is established from of old;  
Thou art from everlasting.
2. The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
The floods have lifted up their voice,  
The floods lift up their roaring.
1. Mightier than the thunders of many waters,  
Mightier than the waves of the sea,

2. The Lord on high is mighty!  
Thy decrees are very sure;

1. Holiness befits thy house,  
O Lord, for evermore.

**C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit,

**A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen

**S:** The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.  
(*canona*) God, you are eternal  
And we adore you

**PS. 148 (OPTIONAL)**

**S:** Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
Praise him in the heights!  
(*canona*) The highest heavens praise you.  
For you gave them existence.

*community prays in two groups*

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
Praise him in the heights!

2. Praise him, all his angels,  
Praise him, all his host!

1. Praise him, sun and moon,  
Praise him, all you shining stars!

2. Praise him, you highest heavens,  
And you waters above the heavens!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord!
1. For he commanded; they were created.  
And he established them forever;
2. He fixed their bounds  
Which cannot be passed.
1. Praise the Lord from the earth,  
You sea monsters and all deeps,
2. Fire and hail, snow and frost,  
Stormy wind fulfilling his command!
1. Mountains and all hills,  
Fruit trees and all cedars!
2. Beasts and all cattle,  
Creeping things and flying birds!  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
Princes and all rulers of the earth!
1. Young men and maidens together,  
Old men and children!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
2. For his name alone is exalted;  
His glory is above earth and heaven.

**C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen

**S:** Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
Praise him in the heights!  
(*canona*) The highest heavens praise you,  
For you gave them existence

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**PS. 150 (OPTIONAL)**

**S:** Praise God in his sanctuary;  
Praise him in his mighty firmament!  
(*canona*) The Son of God has sanctified you;  
He has invited you to his kingdom.

*community prays in two groups*

1. Praise God in his sanctuary;  
Praise him in his mighty firmament!
2. Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
Praise him according to his exceeding  
greatness!
1. Praise him with trumpet sound;  
Praise him with lute and harp!
2. Praise him with timbrel and dance;  
Praise him with strings and pipe!

1. Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
2. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

**C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen

**S:** Praise God in his sanctuary;  
Praise him in his mighty firmament!  
(*canona*) The Son of God has sanctified you;  
He has invited you to his kingdom.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**PS. 117/116**

**S:** Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
(*canona*) O Lord, source and giver of light,  
We offer you praise.

*community prays in two groups*

1. Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!
2. For great is his steadfast love toward us;  
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures  
forever.  
Praise the Lord!

**C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen

**S:** Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
(*canona*) O Lord, source and giver of light,  
We offer you praise.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Christ our God, you are the firstborn of all creatures, light of the Father's glory, and his perfect image. You came into the world to renew and redeem us; you revealed the Father to humanity. We offer you glory, honor, thanks, and adoration. The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

## MORNING HYMN

community prays in two groups

1. *The whole world praise the Lord*  
All breaths and all creatures  
Adore you; You are the light of salvation.
2. *Serve the Lord with joy*  
All breaths and all creatures  
Adore you; You are the light of salvation.

1. *Enter his presence singing praises*  
The children sang “Hosanna” in loud voice  
Blessed are you in the house of David.
2. *Know that he is our Lord and God*  
May the Children bow before you  
Singing ‘Hosanna’ with jubilation.
1. *Not we, but He created us*  
The sons of Zion sings ‘Hosanna’  
Even those who crucify you.
2. *We are his people and the sheep of his house*  
O jubilant Children, here comes our Jesus  
Bless him at the gates of Jerusalem.
1. *Enter his courts with thanksgiving*  
Our Children sings with might and power  
May the people be strengthened.
2. *Thank him and praise him*  
O Lord, bless in your mercy the children  
Who sang praises of Hosanna.
1. *The Lord is good and his mercy remains*  
*forever*  
Lord, you are majestic and glorious in  
Jerusalem  
Our hearts are humbled in your coming.
2. *His faith for all generations*  
May the woods share their joy in flowers,

Let the earth sing praises with these  
children.

**S:** The whole creation praise you,  
Because you are the mighty light  
That renews everything.

Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** O Lord, may we witness your joyous second  
coming, that the whole creation is eagerly  
awaiting. Make us worthy for the profound  
radiance of your revelation. Enable us to  
share in the joy of your radiant presence and  
to gladden with the righteous in the heavenly  
Jerusalem. The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

community prays in two groups

1. The divine Son rises from God the Father  
To lead us from darkness to light.
2. The veil of darkness is removed  
As the light rises among the humankind.
1. The divine Son revealed his glory  
The gates of Sheol is broken in his light.
2. The Lord made radiant the creation in  
darkness  
The dead are risen to sing praises to him.



the outcast and the one praised by the lips of children, youth and adults. Blessed be the one who revealed his might to the children who sang praises to him.

community prays in two groups

1. "Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, you heavens,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, all powers,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, sun and moon,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, stars of heaven,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all rain and dew,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, all winds,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

2. Bless the Lord, fire and heat,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, dews and snows,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, nights and days,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, light and darkness,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, ice and cold,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, frosts and snows,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Let the earth bless the Lord;  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, mountains and hills,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the  
earth,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

1. Bless the Lord, you springs,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, seas and rivers,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures  
that move in the waters,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all birds of the air,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, you sons of men,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, O Israel,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the  
righteous,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

1. Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble  
in heart,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
  2. Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah, and  
Mishael,  
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for  
ever.”
  1. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit,
  2. From the eternity and forever. Amen
- S:** May the prophets rejoice singing loud ‘Hosanna.’ May Moses, son of Amran rejoice; because here comes the prophet he prophesied about. May Jacob rejoice; because here comes the king of his prophecy “Binding his foal to the vine and his colt to the choice vine.” May David son of Jesse rejoice; because his prophecy “Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise” is fulfilled. Brothers and sisters, let us sing ‘Hosanna’ to the Son of God, the Lord of all. Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C:** Lord of all, we praise your incomprehensible and invisible nature. We bless always your glorious Trinity. The Father, the Son. and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all,
- A:** Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE (OPTIONAL)

community prays in two groups

1. Glory to God in the highest  
And hope to his people on earth.
2. Glory to the Son, the savior  
Reverence to the Holy Spirit.  
Adore him in humility  
Bow down with songs of praise.
1. Father, you are Holy  
Eternal, immortal and mighty.  
All the creatures bow down,  
Bless and praise you.
2. O beloved Son of the Father  
Shower your grace on us sinners.
1. You gave us salvation  
And ended the ages of sorrow.  
O divine Lamb, the divine Son  
Guide us in the perfect path.
2. You are the savior  
King and provider  
All eyes turn to you  
Always and forever.

**MORNING PRAYER ENDS**

## Congregation stands

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Lord our God, we offer praise, honor, thanksgiving, and adoration to you, our eternal God, to your Holy Anointed One, and to the life-giving Holy Spirit. The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

A Hymn of Hosana may be sung

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

Blessing of the Palms and procession could be done also after the Gospel and Homily

**C:** O Christ our Messiah, our Redeemer and King of kings, we praise you. Look upon us, your children, who have gathered together this day to commemorate your solemn entrance to Jerusalem. O Christ our Messiah, kindly bless these palms as you blessed those who welcomed you with olive branches. Our hearts, our homes, and other places where we place these palms shall be filled with your divine grace. May we, who

welcome you today with hymns of Hosanna, be made worthy to welcome you when you come again in glory, and may we praise you joyfully in the heavenly Jerusalem. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The celebrant sprinkles Holy Water and incense over the palms. Palms are distributed and the procession begins with servers who bear Cross, incense, candle and Evangelion (Book of Gospels) at the front and celebrant (and concelebrants) at the end.

Hymns are sung during distribution of palms and during procession.

The celebrant prays in high tone as he reaches the main entrance of the church.

C: O gates, lift high your heads;  
O eternal gates, open;  
The glorious King is entering.

The celebrant taps at the closed door with the pedestal of the Cross.

From inside the Church

Who is this King of glory?

Those who stand outside

A: It is the majestic and mighty Lord!

3 Times

This is repeated three times upon which the door is opened and the celebrant with servers followed by the community process inside.

Hymns are sung during the procession.

## INCENSING

Celebrant blesses the incense

**C:** *Lord our God, perfect our faith in your Holy Trinity. May we become worthy to offer you praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.*

**S:** *Amen*

**C:** Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of your truth, may we be found worthy to receive your beloved Son as he appears from the heaven. May we also glorify you and praise you unceasingly in your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For you are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

**A:** Amen

## HYMN OF RESURRECTION

**A:** Lord of all we bow and praise you.  
Jesus Christ, we glorify you

For you give man glorious resurrection  
And you are the one who saves his soul.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

### TRISAGION

**S:** Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

**A:** Holy God,  
Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

## READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

**S:** Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

**FIRST READING**  
**GENESIS 49:08-12, 22-26**

**S:** A reading from the book of Genesis.

**S:** Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

**C:** May God bless + you.

Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as a lioness; who dares rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine and

his vesture in the blood of grapes; his eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. ... Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. The archers fiercely attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him sorely; yet his bow remained unmoved, his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel), by the God of your father who will help you, by God Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that couches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of the eternal mountains, the bounties of the everlasting hills; may they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was separate from his brothers.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

**SECOND READING**  
**ZECHARIAH 09:09-12**

S: A reading from the book of Zachariah.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. I will cut off the chariot from E'phraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your captives free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

### HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

**EPISTLE**  
**ROMANS 11:13-24**

- S:** A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
- S:** Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)
- C:** May Christ bless + you.

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? If the dough offered as first fruits is holy, so is the whole lump; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the richness of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast only through faith. So do not become

proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off. And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

Congregation stands

## HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar with servers and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

## GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 21: 01-17**

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. Matthew.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, `The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "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, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, `My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers." And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, `Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

## HOMILY

Congregation sits

If not done already, the blessing of palms and procession are done now

## KARUZUTHA

### Congregation stands

**S:** Let us joyfully and devotedly meditate on Christ our Messiah who humbly entered Jerusalem, and pray saying: “We praise you singing Hosanna”.

**A:** We praise you singing Hosanna

**S:** Lord, you enable all people to accept you and acclaim you as our Lord and Savior.

**A:** We praise you singing Hosanna

**S:** Lord, we who sing to you hymns of praise, are blessed to glorify you in Heaven.

**A:** We praise you singing Hosanna

**S:** Lord, you teach us to be humble and live in humility like our Savior.

**A:** We praise you singing Hosanna

**S:** Lord, you accepted the prayers and hymns of the hebrew children and you blessed them.

**A:** We praise you singing Hosanna

**S:** Lord, you fulfilled your promises you made to our forefathers.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, bless and protect our Holy Father Pope Mar ————, the head of the universal Church, our Major Archbishop Mar ————, the father and head of our Church, our Bishop ————, the father and head of our diocese, and all other bishops.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, you are glorified in heaven and worshiped on earth.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: Christ our Messiah, Lord and king of heaven and earth; we adore you. Make us worthy to share in the death and resurrection of your beloved Son, and enable us to yield fruits of sincere conversion. May we who welcome you singing Hosanna be welcomed into your glory. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with Prayers of Imposition of Hands

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## HYMN OF MYSTERIES

*How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth*

Divinely inspired, the hebrew children received the Lord joyfully singing Hosanna. They acclaimed praises to the Lord who rode on a young colt like one being carried away in clouds. Let us also acclaim him with them: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is our Savior who comes in the name of the Lord and who will come again in the fullness of glory.

*Their tongues are like sharp swords.*

Divinely inspired, the hebrew children received the Lord joyfully singing Hosanna. They acclaimed praises to the Lord who rode on a young colt like one being carried away in clouds. Let us also acclaim him with them: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is our Savior who comes in the name of the Lord and who will come again in the fullness of glory.

*The name of the Lord will be glorified in Zion.*

Divinely inspired, the hebrew children received the Lord joyfully singing Hosanna. They acclaimed praises to the Lord who rode on a young colt like one being carried away in clouds. Let us also acclaim him with them: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is our Savior who comes in the name of the Lord and who will come again in the fullness of glory.

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### HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: With confidence and devoutness let us share the glorious sacred mysteries prepared before us. Let us receive the body broken for our salvation and the blood of the covenant shed for us. Here is the lifegiving burning coal that touched the prophet to sanctify him of all sins. Let us be attentive and approach the awesome mysteries with purified hearts.

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### COMMUNION INVITATION

S: This is the day the children welcomed Christ our Lord with olive branches. They glorified

him with Hosanna songs. With hymns of praises they glorified the Father who sent him. Blessed be the Messiah who graciously came from the house of David, and who redeemed humanity. Brothers and sisters, let us receive the sacred body and blood of Christ, and give thanks to his holy name.

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### THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

**C:** Lord God, we thank you for enabling us to participate in this Holy Sacrifice commemorating Christ's death and resurrection, and to receive from the divine mysteries. Grant us the grace to glorify you by committing our lives totally to you. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen. Bless us, Lord.

**C:** Lord Jesus, you entered Jerusalem amidst the cries of Hosanna; we thank you for making us worthy to laud you with Hosannas. May we who have shared in your paschal mystery, unite with you in the heavenly Jerusalem, and offer you never-ending praise. The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen

**PRAYER OF SEALING**

**C:** Let us praise the Father who sent His Only Son as our Lord and Savior. Let us adore Christ who gave us an example of humility by riding on a simple colt. Let us glorify the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to sing praises to the Lord. May Lord Jesus who humbled himself and entered Jerusalem, to suffer and to die on the cross, help us to practice self-denial, and to do God's holy will. May all people accept and acclaim Christ as our Savior and King. May you, God's own people, who praise him with Hosanna songs here on earth, be made worthy to glorify him eternally in the heavenly Jerusalem. Now and forever.

**A:** Amen

**FAREWELL PRAYER**

*Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.*

