**The Liturgy of the Palms**Based on The Book of Common Prayer

*Gather to process*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn

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.

2.The company of angels

are praising thee on high,

and we with all creation

in chorus make reply.

3.The people of the Hebrews

with psalms before thee went;

our prayer and praise and anthems

before thee we present.

4.To thee, before thy passion,

they sang their hymns of praise;

to thee, now high exalted,

our melody we raise.

5.Thou didst accept their praises;

accept the prayers we bring,

who in all good delightest,

thou good and gracious King.

*Reader:* Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."  
  
This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."  
  
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.  
  
The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"  
  
When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Leader*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his 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 in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

*The Procession*

*Leader*

Let us go forth in peace.

*People*

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Begin the procession.*

Station 1: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1.Hosanna, loud hosanna,

the little children sang,

through pillared court and temple

the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them

close folded to his breast,

the children sang their praises,

the simplest and the best.

2.From Olivet they followed

mid an exultant crowd,

the victor palm branch waving,

and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven

rode on in lowly state,

nor scorned that little children

should on his bidding wait.

3."Hosanna in the highest!"

that ancient song we sing,

for Christ is our Redeemer,

the Lord of heaven our King.

O may we ever praise him

with heart and life and voice,

and in his blissful presence

eternally rejoice!

Station 2: Psalm 118

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
  
2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
  
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.  
  
20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.  
  
21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
  
22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
  
23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
  
24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
  
25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!  
  
26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
  
27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.  
  
28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.  
  
29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Station 3: Ride on, King Jesus!

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Jesus rides a milk white horse

*No on can hinder him*

The river Jordan he did cross

*No on can hinder him*

If you want to find your way to God

*No on can hinder him*

The gospel highway must be trod

*No on can hinder him*

I was young when I begun

*No on can hinder him*

But now my race is almost run

*No on can hinder him*

*Prayer.* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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