
The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, and
the Presbyterian Book of Common
Worship

The people all gather outside and the palms are distributed.

The Liturgy of the Palms (beginning outside)

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The celebrant continues

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as we enter 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 by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**¹

The Triumphal Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples 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."

Gospeler: The Gospel of Our Savior

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Blessing of the Palms²

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and prayers.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Directions are given for the procession to the various churches.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

The congregation processes to their churches, joining in the refrain of the hymn along the way. Please find a bulletin as you enter, take your places in the pews, and join in the remainder of the service.

Refrain

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.