



# PALM SUNDAY

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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.

"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.

## Prayer for Palm Sunday

My dear friends, as the lord commands, let us pray for ourselves and for others on this holy and special day. Let us pray.

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God with us yesterday, today, and forever, in our pilgrimage in this world on the way to unity.

Christ our peace please walk beside us. Open our eyes, open our hearts to your presence among us. We thank you for those who have gone before us. Martyrs who have suffered for their faith and all your servants who lived now and forever in the light of the risen Christ.

We pray for this country and for this region. For the churches and faithful gathered here in your name.

We thank you for our baptism into Christ in whom we are one.

May it encourage just to witness together to your word and to your presence today and tomorrow.

We pray for those who work for the unity of your church, here and throughout all the world, and who never cease to pray, Father make us one.

Lord make us one in our faith, our witness, and our work. That our witness may be more convincing. That our service may be more effective. That one day we may join you as one of your people at your one table.

We pray for those who are discouraged and left behind by life who have no hope and nothing to hope for.

We pray for those who live in fear, who suffer violence in their own homes, and know not where to turn.

We pray for those who live in the midst of plenty yet find no meaning in life.

We pray for those facing death and those who mourn.

Lord we pray for those who are sick and those who are fearful of becoming sick. We pray Lord God for health. We pray Lord God that our society will be restored very soon and that this disease, this COVID-19, may diminish rapidly.

Make us instruments of peace, agents of justice and reconciliation, and bearers of hope, in this troubled time.

Father, make us one, as you are one, and now we pray that prayer you taught us: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



## In the Shadow of the Palms

“Hosanna!” they cry, as they welcome their King,  
in majesty He rides into town.  
See how the children line the streets;  
watch how Jerusalem bows down.

But in the shadow of the palms,  
evil hands lie in wait.  
In the shadow of the palms,  
darkened hearts are filled with hate

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
in glory and splendor He reigns!  
Coats and branches place in the street;  
See how the palms are laid!

But in the shadow of the palms,  
crowds of anger and hatred scheme.  
In the shadow of the palms,  
pain and death remain unseen.

21 As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. <sup>2</sup>“Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

<sup>5</sup>“Tell the people of Jerusalem,  
‘Look, your King is coming to you.  
He is humble, riding on a donkey—  
riding on a donkey’s colt.’”

<sup>6</sup>The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

<sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

“Praise God for the Son of David!  
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Praise God in highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked.

<sup>11</sup>And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”



# All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One.