

# **PALM SUNDAY**

**BLESSING OF PALMS AT  
HOME DURING MCO 2020**



*PREPARED BY THE NBVM & SCIC LITURGICAL TEAM*

*The family gathers around the altar at home.  
Father/Head of family reads the Gospel text  
Mother leads procession with a lighted candle (one of the  
children to lead if Mum is not around)  
Leader to coordinate (family's choice)*

**OPENING HYMN** ([click here for an alternative tune](#)).

Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing  
And triumph evermore:

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

## **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Father, Jesus made His entry into Jerusalem as a Servant King, leading to the Cross. Reign in our hearts and lives; enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at His feet. Let us continue to praise Your Name through Him and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

### **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

- L. God of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times;  
KYRIE ELEISON
- R. KYRIE ELEISON
- L. In the midst of fear and unrest, hear our cry and heal  
our land; CHRISTE ELEISON
- R. CHRISTE ELEISON
- L. Father of the broken hearted, restore our lives and  
make us whole again; KYRIE ELEISON
- R. KYRIE ELEISON

**GOSPEL READING : MATTHEW 21 : 1 - 11** *(by the father/Head of the family)*

A proclamation of the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**BLESSING OF PALMS** (*please design your own palms if fresh palms not within reach*)

Almighty God, we pray, You bless these branches and make them holy. Today, we joyfully acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King. May we reach the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following Him who lives and reigns forever and ever. AMEN

**SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER** (*if available*) **ON PALMS**  
(*fresh or handmade*)

**PRAISE AND THANKS**

**RESPONSE: PRECIOUS JESUS, WE OFFER YOU, OUR PRAISE AND THANKS**

- L. Christ Jesus, You came that we might have life, and have it abundantly; (R)
- L. You poured living water into our lives that were parched and thirsty; (R)
- L. You fed souls that were hungry with the bread of life; (R)
- L. You brought healing through Your touch that knew no prejudice or barrier; (R)
- L. You brought salvation through the cross; (R)

OUR FATHER

HAIL MARY

GLORY BE

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Almighty and ever living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross. Graciously grant that, we may heed His lesson of patient suffering and so, merit a share in His Resurrection, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

## **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

### **PROCESSION INTO EVERY ROOM OF THE HOUSE**

*(led by the Mother with a lighted candle and all family members carrying palms singing HOSANNA)*

HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA in the highest  
HOSANNA, HOSANNA , HOSANNA in the highest  
Lord, we lift up Your Name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted O Lord, my God  
HOSANNA in the highest

GLORY, GLORY, GLORY to the King of Kings  
GLORY, GLORY, GLORY to the King of Kings  
Lord, we lift up Your Name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted O Lord, my God  
GLORY TO THE KING OF KINGS

**PALMS WILL BE PLACED AT THE REQUIRED LOCATION  
AT HOME**