## THE PROCESSION OF GREAT AND HOLY PALM SUNDAY IN THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Everyone should have a palm branch, even one from a previous year, a branch of a tree from your yard, a flower, plant or a hand-made paper palm that was a domestic church 'art project.'

Prepare the 'route' for your procession, clearing away anything that might trip you. Since the people who processed with Jesus spread cloaks and rugs along his route, to mark the path of your procession you might spread old towels (or even flowers or branches) on parts of the floor that are not slippery (carpeted areas for instance).

In the Domestic Church, all prayers begin one of two ways: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, One God. Amen." Or "Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us."

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Glory to You, Christ God our hope, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Consoler, Spirit of truth, present in all places and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and the Giver of life, come, O Good One and dwell in us. Cleanse us from all stain and save our souls.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity have mercy on us. Lord, forgive us our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, look upon us and heal our infirmities for Your namesake.

Lord, have mercy (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy (12 x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship our God and King and bow down before Him.

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## Psalm 121

I was happy when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Our feet stood within your courts, Jerusalem, Jerusalem built as a city whose people are as one.

For there did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord as it was decreed to Israel to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there have been placed thrones for judgment, thrones for the house of David.

Pray, then, for the peace of Jerusalem, and may prosperity be with those who love you. May peace be within your walls, and prosperity upon your towers.

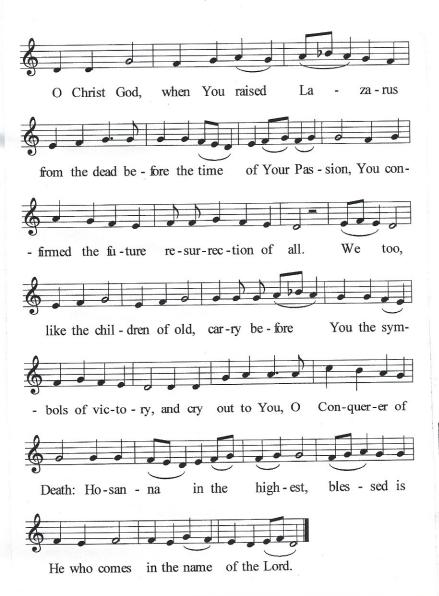
For the sake of my brethren and my friends, I have indeed asked peace for you. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I have earnestly sought your good.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Glory to you, O God (3x)

(At the end of the third time add) O our hope, glory to you!

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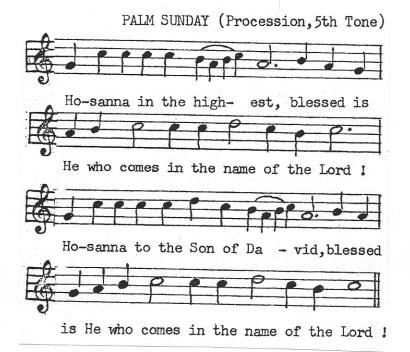


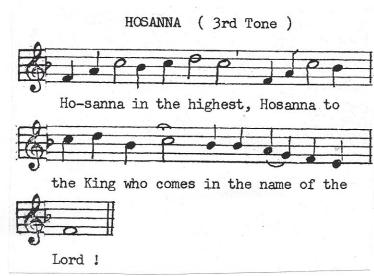


The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Evangelist. Glory to you O Lord, glory to you.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, 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 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, saving, "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." 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. (Matthew 21: 1-11, 15-17-RSV version)

## Procession





At the end of the procession, conclude with: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.