

Palm Sunday - Responsive Invocation

Celebrant:

Today, we observe Palm Sunday;

The day that Jesus our King approached the city of Jerusalem,

Riding humbly, on the back of a donkey.

And just as the faithful did then, we now stand together,

Waving palm fronds, and exclaiming in one voice as he rides past:

People:

Hosanna! Praises to the Son of David.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Eternal One.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

Almighty and everliving God, invite us into the Passion;

Through great joy into suffering and deepest sorrow,

From the depths of the grave into triumphant celebration.

Grant that we may walk beside your Son towards the Cross.

All:

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 Lord,

and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.