

Palm Sunday Service Opening Liturgy

Welcome and Notices

The Gathering

President Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

 Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord
 Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**

The minister introduces the service, and then everyone holds up their palms or branches as a prayer is said.

The Palm Gospel

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the reader says: "Then those who went ahead and those who followed shouted..." join in the words:

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

After the reading:

Minister This is the gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn

*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one:

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
created make reply:

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise:
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King

Thy sorrow and thy triumph grant us, O Christ, to share,
That to thy holy city together we may fare:

For homage may we bring thee our victory o'er the foe,
That in the Conqueror's triumph this strain may ever flow:

The Collect

The Church's special prayer for the day is prayed

Reading from Old or New Testament

At the end of the first reading, the reader says:
 This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

We stand to sing our next hymn.

The Passion Reading

Minister	Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, Even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him And given him the name that is above every name.
All	Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

At the end of the reading, no response is made.

After a sermon (if one is preached) and the intercessions, the service continues in our service books.